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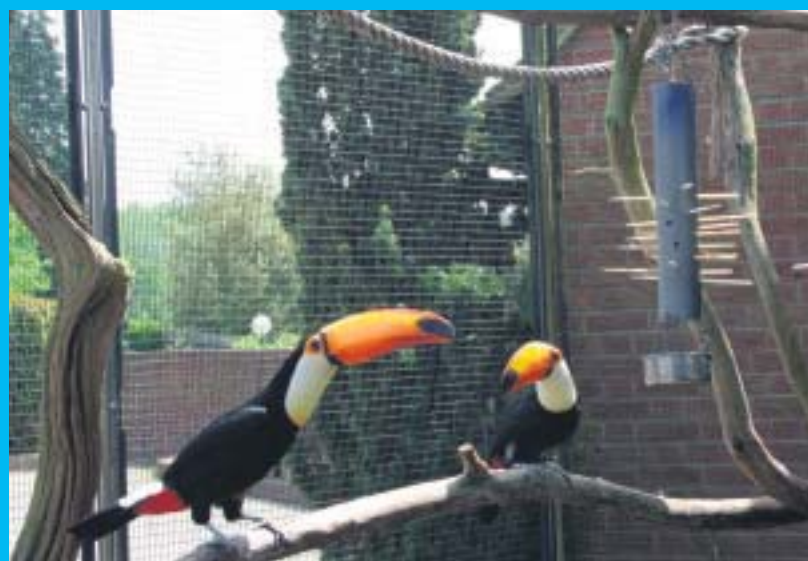
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TOUCAN PLAY THAT GAME

These playful Toco Toucans have learnt to keep themselves entertained while waiting for visitors to stop by with a game of KerPlunk.

The rare birds, which are kept at Leeds Castle, in Maidstone, have mastered a version of the classic game designed especially for them. The adapted game aims to help improve their quality of life in their caged environment and provides them with edible treats as prizes.

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■ BY ANNA WHITE

MORE than 600 suspected stolen car parts have been discovered following reports of related thefts at two Maidstone hospitals.

The stash of catalytic converters – believed to be worth £120,000 – was found at a rural property in Yelsted, Detling.

Officers from Kent Police and the Environment Agency swooped on the site in an early morning raid on Friday, June 4.

A 37-year-old man arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods has been bailed until Tuesday, July 6. Twelve pallets each containing between 60 to 100 of the suspected stolen engine parts have been confiscated.

Thieves target catalytic converters as they contain a valuable platinum component within, which they can sell on to scrap metal merchants.

The discovery comes less than a week after Yourmaidstone reported that a number of catalytic converters were stolen from emergency vehicles parked at Maidstone Hospital and Preston Hall, in Aylesford.

The thefts left hospital staff unable to help transport cancer sufferers for treatment.

Police have been unable to confirm if the suspected stolen converters are linked to the series of thefts at the hospitals.

A force spokesman said it would be difficult to make the connection as catalytic converters are not marked. Police said they will continue to crackdown on this type of crime in the Maidstone area.

The Detling raid will be followed by a num-

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Award-winning classic game a hit with birds

■ BY ANNA WHITE

TROPICAL birds living at a historic castle have learnt to pass the time by playing a classic game from the 1960s.

Rare Toco Toucans, kept at Leeds Castle's aviary, have mastered the skills of Bird KerPlunk – an award-winning version designed especially for them.

In the human version of the game, players draw sticks out a plastic tube and try not to let any of the marbles inside fall through.

But in the adapted version, the birds are encouraged to pull out the straws to let their favourite fruit fall out.

The bird-friendly game was developed by Mairee Vincent, from the castle's aviary team, to help the colourful Toucans keep active and entertained in a confined space.

Ms Vincent said: "The Toucan KerPlunk provides an activity for the birds which maintain an active lifestyle and also provides enrichment to the environment they live in."

"The device requires the birds to solve a problem. They need to work out how to remove the chopsticks from the suspended tube in order for their favourite fruit to fall to the floor, whereupon they can eat it."

The specially designed version of the game has proved popular with top animal experts from across the world at the Regional Environment Enrichment Conference.

The event, held at Marwell Zoo, is an opportunity to learn and discuss issues related to improving life for captive creatures.

Ms Vincent presented her Toucan KerPlunk to the panel and was delighted when they voted it the Best



KERPLUNK: Rare Toco Toucans enjoy game

Environmental Enrichment Device.

Curator of birds at Leeds Castle, Laura Gardner, was overjoyed with the achievement.

She said: "People worry about caged birds, which is why we work to make their environment as real as possible."

"To win this award shows how seriously we take environmental enrichment at Leeds Castle, making the best of the birds' living conditions."

"This stimulation improves the welfare of the bird and encourages natural behaviour."

A video of the playful Toucans enjoying their game can be seen on YouTube. The rare birds, which are commonly found in south America, are one of more than 100 species of exotic and recognised feathered animals at the Maidstone-based castle's aviary.

The specialist team at the family-attraction are actively involved in the breeding and preservation of many threatened species and is one of only two zoos to be breeding Toco Toucans in the UK.

The aviary opens at 10am daily.

Teen bailed after man is stabbed to death

A TEENAGER has been arrested in Maidstone on suspicion of murder.

The 18-year-old girl, of no fixed address, was caught in the town by officers from Essex Police in connection with the death of Daniel Thomas.

Thomas, 59, was found dead with multiple stab wounds at a flat in Darnley Road, Grays, at 4.30pm on Sunday, May 16. A spokesman for Essex Police said detectives are "unclear" if the injuries were self-inflicted or caused by another person.

Officers discovered Thomas' body after neighbours complained of a smell. It is believed he may have been dead in his home for several weeks.

The female suspect was arrested in the town on Thursday, May 27.

She has been released on bail.

Where you witness to egg throwing?

THREE men have been arrested after what police have described as a "drive-by egg-throwing" incident.

The eggs were thrown at pedestrians in Maidstone and Rochester in the early hours of Friday morning.

A 33-year-old man reported eggs being thrown from a blue Ford Focus, with a loud exhaust driving along Rocky Hill.

Town centre CCTV picked up a vehicle matching this description and tracked it until officers could safely stop the vehicle, in which an empty egg box was found.

A 19-year-old and two 20-year-old men were arrested. The trio have been bailed. Anyone with information can contact police on 01622 604170 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Body found in river still has no identity

AN investigation has been launched after a body was found in the River Medway.

Police said they are looking into the death but do not think it is suspicious at this stage.

A rower discovered the body in the water near East Farleigh, south of Maidstone, at 8.30am on Saturday.

The deceased is now being examined by a forensic pathologist and a post mortem was due to be carried out yesterday.

At the time of writing, there has been no formal identification.

James' new sponsor is a dream

A BUDDING Olympic champion has secured sponsorship from an auctioneer firm after wowing bosses at a charity dinner.

Gymnast James Hall has been awarded a £7,500 deal with Clive Emson property auctioneers to help him on his journey to the London 2012 Olympics.

The 14-year-old said: "This is very good news for me, the money will go towards petrol costs, which will really help my mum and dad out."

The Oakwood Grammar School student met his financial helpers at a special networking event for members of a council-run initiative, Maidstone's Dream, to link potential sport stars with business sponsors.

The teenager attended the event, held at Leeds Castle, with his dad and other athletes.

Company boss Clive Emson said: "Having spoken to James and his father at Leeds Castle, I could not believe just how little support young athletes get or, indeed, how much dedication they need to get to the top – we are really happy to help James who is an inspiration for young people."

The council's newly-appointed cabinet member for leisure and culture, councillor Richard Ash, said: "What great news for James and his parents. The project is really taking off now and the athletes are really benefiting from the business sponsors."

The scheme, which is backed by this paper, was launched last year to help create an Olympic legacy in Maidstone.

The special dinner, titled Go for Gold, held on March 26, resulted in three other sponsorship deals.

Dressage rider Emily Cousins, 21, from Harrietsham, secured a £500 deal with Cliffe Enterprise, decathlon competitor Martin Brockman, 21, was awarded £2,500 from ASB Law and archery enthusiast Jacqui Gould was presented with £1,500 from the host – Leeds Castle Trust.

Twenty-seven athletes have signed up for Maidstone's Dream website and so far 13 hopefuls have been partnered with a sponsor.

As a media sponsor for the initiative, this paper regularly runs profiles on each of the athletes and some have secured financial backing as a result of our coverage.

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In remembrance of a much-loved councillor

Village wants Sandy memorial

EXCLUSIVE

BY ANNA WHITE

VILLAGERS have revealed plans to build a memorial in memory of much-loved councillor Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart.

Members of Headcorn parish council are spearheading the proposal for a tribute to be built in the village – almost two years after Lord Bruce-Lockhart tragically died from cancer.

Council chairman Tim Thomas, who was a good friend of the late former Kent County Council leader, said the tribute needs to be one that lasts.

"The memorial should be long-standing and in a place where everyone can see it.

"I knew Sandy very well and he was a true villager who gave endless support to the community. He was a man that ought to be honoured."

Mr Thomas said the parish council members have considered the possibility of planting an



TRIBUTE: Members of Headcorn Parish want a memorial to remember Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart who died of cancer

Oak tree on the village green.

He added: "The council has committed to providing a tribute, a tree with feet has been suggested, but we need to discuss the idea with our open spaces group and Sandy's wife Tess, who am I sure will be delighted with the plans for a memorial."

Lord Bruce-Lockhart was diagnosed with

cancer in late 2007 and died aged 66 in August 2008.

He had previously lived in Zimbabwe and Australia before moving to a house just outside Headcorn in the 1960s.

The father-of-three became a county councillor for Maidstone Rural East in 1989 after winning the support of residents by protesting against the route of the Channel Tunnel Link.

He went on to become the Conservative leader of KCC from 1997 and 2005.

Lord Bruce-Lockhart was knighted in the New Year's Honours List in 2002, and when he was made a peer in 2007 he was given the title of Baron Bruce-Lockhart, of The Weald in the County of Kent.

He was also appointed chairman of English Heritage shortly before he was diagnosed with cancer, but despite his illness he continued to fulfil his role.

Lord Bruce-Lockhart's Tory successor for the Maidstone Rural East seat at KCC, Jenny Whittle, has also welcomed the idea for a memorial.

She said: "I am delighted that Headcorn Parish Council is seeking to create a permanent memorial to one of the most extraordinary figures in local government."

"I would be very pleased to support this effort to provide a lasting legacy to celebrate Sandy's achievements in championing the interests of the residents of Kent at every opportunity and at the highest levels of government."

The parish council plan to discuss ideas for a memorial at tonight's meeting (Wednesday, June 9), from 8.15pm at Headcorn Village Hall.

Residents are welcome to attend and make suggestions.

What would make you go to market?

MARKET traders hope a summer break will help them discover what their customers want in a bid to provide a better service.

Organisers of Maidstone's Farmers' Market will take time off during the summer months to ask residents how they would like to see the stalls develop and what would make them visit.

Manager Derek Eagle said: "With three years under our belt we thought it was time to take a short break and to take stock."

"We want to know from people who do not usually come to the market what would make it attractive for them and what they would like to see on offer."

"Farmers' markets play a key role in the local economies while helping bring local produce to people. We want to build on the success of the last three years and make the next three even better, but we need the help of Maidstone residents to do this."

Homemade

The event, which is promotes sustainable trading, is held outside County Hall, Week Street, on the fourth Sunday of every month, between 9am and 1pm.

It boasts a variety of goods sought from the Kent area, including vegetables, meat, homemade fudge, fruit, cakes, Italian breads, eggs and cheese.

Market bosses are open to all ideas from opening hours and location to its range of produce and quality of service.

Regular trader Jan Prior, who is part of Maidstone-based medical care charity Blackthorn Trust, said: "We have been very impressed by the way that the market is able to bring a great range of produce to the centre of Maidstone and by the supportive customers."

"The market needs to take the step and needs fresh ideas to make it even better."

Suggestions can be emailed to Stuart Jeffery, of the Sustainable Maidstone group, on stuartj@fastmail.co.uk.

Catalytic car part thefts

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-ber of similar joint agency operations.

Detective Chief Inspector Isobel Gibson, of Maidstone police, said: "This warrant marks a significant step in our bid to crack down on the theft of catalytic converters."

"This will be followed up by further work in distributing SmartWater kits to rural businesses. This will allow companies to mark their vehicles so that if catalytic converters are stolen and recovered they can be reunited with their rightful owners."

"Criminals need to be aware that forensic marking has a 100 per cent conviction rate with an irrefutable link to the scene of a crime."

"Already where similar trials of the substance are being used they are having excellent results."

The solution remains on skin and hair for weeks and on clothing indefinitely, no matter how hard offenders try to scrub it off.

"Every offender arrested and brought into Maidstone custody suite will be automatically screened when they are booked in. This measure will also act as a powerful deterrent to those looking to steal catalytic converters, as if they are caught with SmartWater on them it will link them directly back to the scene of the crime."

Illegal drivers were caught on the spot

LAW-BREAKING motorists have been fined more than £1,000 during a police spot check.

A total of 21 drivers were caught driving illegally at four Maidstone town centre hot spots – Mote Park, St Faith's Street, London Road and Sandling Road.

Seven motorists were fined £60 and given three points on their licence for speeding offences, six drivers were slapped with a £60 penalty for not wearing seatbelts and six others were fined £30 for driving in bus lanes.

Two drivers were found to be in breach of their excise license and were fined £30 each.

Urban neighbourhood team sergeant Andy Miller said he hopes the operation, held on Thursday, June 3, will deter other drivers from breaking the law.

He said: "This check was arranged following various concerns regarding illegal traffic movement around the town and flouting of road traffic laws."

"We will continue to stage operations like this to assist in reducing the number of people who are killed or seriously injured on the road, by enforcement and education."

"This operation was highly successful, as it hit home the message



BUS STOP: The Urban Blue Bus was at Mote Park where officers talked to the public

that basic road traffic laws such as wearing your seatbelt and keeping to the speed limit are there for a reason – to make our roads safer."

As well as the checks, which were carried out by neighbourhood officers and the area bike team, the Urban Blue Bus was also on scene.

The blue double-decker, used to deter street crime and offer advice to residents, was parked at Mote Park so officers could speak with members of the public and children who were enjoying the half term sunshine.

The officers used the opportunity to find out what families are concerned about in the area and what they would like to see improved.

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SAYING NO: Activists protest about the proposed 270-acre Kent International Gateway road-to-rail depot

Garland lobbies minister on KIG intervention

■ BY ANNA WHITE

THE leader of Maidstone council has written to a top government chief in the hope that plans to build a giant depot in the area will be scrapped.

Conservative borough councillor Chris Garland sent a letter to Eric Pickles MP, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, to explain Maidstone's position on the controversial Kent International Gateway proposal.

The application to build a 278-acre road-to-rail interchange on countryside just off the M20 at Junction 7, was referred to Government for a final decision before the General Election.

Cllr Garland wrote: "I appreciate that you will have many pressing and important issues before but I hope that you will consider my representations about one which is extremely important to Maidstone people.

"I refer to the Kent International Gateway application for road and rail service warehousing.

"The council has identified significant and compelling planning policy grounds for refusal.

"There is no evidence or justification to support KIG on this site or anywhere else in Maidstone.

"I urge you to give this your very serious consideration and dismiss this appeal.

"If you were to allow it, it would have such a very detrimental effect on this beautiful part of our country, with negligible benefit. This is not the right location for this use."

In the letter, sent on Tuesday, May 25, Cllr Garland tells Mr Pickles that the council provided significant evidence during a long inquiry into the plans, which suggested the road-to-rail interchange should be rejected.

The inspector who led the intense inquiry, which was held in October of last year, submitted his report to the Secretary of State's office on April 1.

Cllr Garland also sent copies of the letter to Greg Clark, MP for Tunbridge Wells, who was recently announced as Minister for Decentralisation – based in Mr Pickles' office.

Maidstone and Weald MP Helen Grant and Faversham and mid Kent MP Hugh Robertson – who have both voiced their opposition for the plans – will also receive a copy.

KIG was referred to Government after the applicant, backed by AXA, successfully bypassed the council on the grounds its planning committee took too long to reach a decision.

The council was still required to rule on the plans and its opinion would have been considered in the inspector's report.

Councillors were joined at the inquiry by a number of opposition groups, including Stop KIG, Campaign to Protect Rural England and the Joint Parishes Group.

At the moment, patients needing these procedures have to go out of the county.

According to Maidstone Borough Council, the facility, to be based on land opposite Newnham Court, just off Junction seven of the M20, will also be one of the top teaching hospitals for cardiac surgery.

A council spokeswoman said: "It will provide private and NHS care and is supported by surgeons from all over the world."

The state-of-the-art facility, which is not intended to replace NHS hospitals, would employ some 120 clinicians.

It will be the first private hospital built for 20 years in Kent.



LETTER: Cllr Garland (top) has written to Eric Pickles MP

yourmaidstone NEWS IN BRIEF

Drop in for a health check

SHOPPERS can make sure their bodies are in top-notch condition with a free health check in the town centre.

Residents can seek well-being advice from professionals outside County Hall, Week Street, between 9am and 6pm today and tomorrow.

Experts from Bendenden Healthcare Society have set-up a health and wellbeing village at the KCC offices to offer a range of interactive services, including fitness sessions, cholesterol, blood-pressure checks and BMI readings.

The three-day initiative, which was opened by the Mayor of Maidstone, councillor Eric Hotson, on Tuesday, aims to encourage healthy living.



HEALTHY: New Mayor Eric Hotson

Benefit fraudster caught out over eBay earnings

A BENEFIT cheat stole from taxpayers for more than two years despite pocketing £65,847 through eBay.

Gary Boulton, of Amsbury Road, Hunton, made his fortune by selling goods on the online marketplace, but continued to claim for Jobseekers Allowance and financial help for housing and council tax.

The fraudster accepted benefits from Maidstone Council between August 1, 2006, and May 2, 2008.

He appeared at Maidstone Magistrates' Court on Tuesday, May 25, after pleading guilty to failing to inform the council of his earnings.

Boulton was sentenced to complete 150 hours unpaid work within 12 months and to pay costs of £400.

Stephen McGinnes, head of revenues and benefits at the council, said: "Whilst those committing fraud represent a small minority of those receiving benefit, the council is determined to identify the cheats who abuse the system and bring them to justice."

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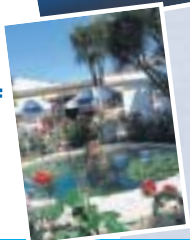
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Parents hold fun day for Charlotte

DEVOTED parents of a young girl who sadly died are planning to pay tribute to her memory with a charity fun day.

Carole and Alan Brown, from Maidstone, lost their daughter Charlotte just 29 hours after she was born with Edwards Syndrome – a severe chromosomal abnormality.

After their newborn's death, Mr and Mrs Brown received support from three charities, which they now want to help raise funds for by hosting the event.

Mrs Brown said: "All three charities helped us enormously and we want to help raise funds so that they can continue to support people in what may be very difficult times."

"We were determined to organise a day that was filled with fun and laughter as a tribute to our precious little girl."

One of the charities that helped was the Fire Fighters Charity.

Mrs Brown is a senior fire control room operator at Kent Fire and Rescue Service and Mr Brown is a watch manager at Strood Fire Station.

It is their close links to the emergency service that led them to choose the playing fields adjacent to KFRS headquarters on Straw Mill Hill, Tovil, as the site for their family fun day.

The event will be held at 12pm on Saturday, June 12, and will include a host of attractions for children and adults to enjoy.

Charlotte was born at St Thomas' Hospital with a congenital heart defect and died at Richard House hospice.

Richard House and St Thomas' are the two other charities the loving parents hope to raise a large amount of funds for at the free event.

Bikers fined in police action to minimize fatal crashes

■ BY ANNA WHITE

THREE speeding bikers were fined during a one-day police operation to reduce the number of fatal crashes in the area.

The motorcyclists were among 40 riders to be stopped on the A20 in Maidstone on Sunday, May 30.

Each received a £60 fine and three points on their licence.

Two other bikers were found to have under-sized number plates and told to rectify the problem.

The operation was held in a bid to raise awareness of the potentially deadly consequences of speeding through Maidstone.

A biker was killed on the M20 just ten days before the campaign took place and three days

later a man was seriously injured after his bike smashed into a barrier on the A249.

Maidstone traffic co-ordinator PC Warren Jarvis said: "The main aim of this operation was to intervene with motorcyclists, as they are especially vulnerable, making up just one per cent of road-users, yet are involved in 19 per cent of fatal crashes nationally."

Danger

"With the weather becoming more conducive to riding, and in light of recent motorcycle-related fatalities, we wanted to send a tough message about the danger of vehicle defects and speeding."

"However, many of the riders we stopped also signed up for the Bikesafe scheme and free assessment rides with the east Kent advanced motorcyclists, which will hopefully increase their safety on Maidstone's roads."

The operation follows several motorbike-related crashes in Maidstone in recent weeks.

SAFETY FIRST: Police officers crack down on motorcyclists in the one-day operation



Father-of-three Darren Saunders was fatally injured when his bike collided with a bus stop at 1.25pm on the Tonbridge Road on Saturday, March 27.

On Thursday, May 20, a male biker, who was in his 40s, died when his Honda CBR collided with a blue Jaguar S-Type car near Junction 5, for Aylesford, on the M20, at 5.30am.

A male suspect from Kent has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving in connection with the crash.

Another male biker was seriously injured on Wednesday, June 2, when he crashed into a barrier at the roundabout which joins the A249 Detling Hill with the M20.

Further afield, Mark Codner, 39, from Maidstone, died in a crash on the Isle of Man on Sunday, May 23.

Despite the string of Maidstone-related incidents, motorbike accidents dropped by four per cent in the UK between 2009 and 2008, according to the Department of Transport.

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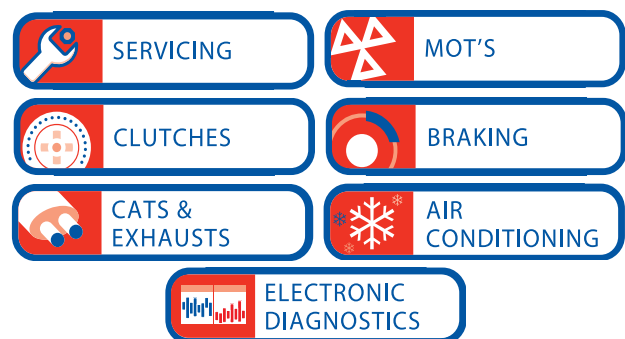
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QUESTION & ANSWER

MARK BYLES



Q Can you tell us who you are and what you do?

A My name is Mark Byles, but almost everyone calls me Billy. I've been in the ceramics business for more than 25 years. I started when I was 12, having tried pottery at school. I knew from an early age what I wanted to do and jumped at the chance to take an apprenticeship with Chelsea Pottery. I then worked for a flower-pot manufacturer in Bethnal Green for 16 years, which I believe helped me greatly to gain my Guinness World Record. It was there I met Alan Parris. We used to share a car to work and in a traffic jam one day we decided to start our own workshop to mess around in, which quickly became a factory and then became our business.

Q What is it like working at The Friars? Do you enjoy being based with the Carmelites?

A It's a pleasure and an honour to work at The Friars and be based with the Carmelites. It's a beautiful place to be and the pottery actually dates back to when The Friars themselves used to work in it. It means a lot to me and Alan to have taken over the business from such highly respected potters and to carry on the tradition.

Q Can you describe an average day for you?

A There's not really an 'average' day working here, which is exactly why I like it. But my day usually depends on my teenage daughter as to how early I leave the house and whether

I need a 'time out' on the way to work. We're open seven days a week. Alan and I are both here most days and almost always busy. But we always make time for the many people who come to see us, whether they're buying or just visiting. Most of our working day is spent creating large bulk orders, but we expect that to change a little now that we're trialling our cremation urns with Co-operative Funeralcare.

Q What do the classes you host include?

A We run 10-week courses and one-day classes for those who aren't sure if they want to take up pottery – but they nearly always do.

Q Can anyone join in?

A Absolutely. People come to us for hen dos, corporate away days, team-building classes or just to relax.

Q What do you enjoy most about your job?

A That one's easy to answer. It's the people – and the fact that working for yourself means you are able to give them time.

Q Are there any negatives?

A Not really. I'm not a millionaire, but then I never expected to be going into this trade.

But I'm happy and consider myself lucky to be able to make a living doing what I love. I was warned against it by everyone – but we've made a successful business against all odds!

Q Last year you were entered into the Guinness World Record book – what did you have to do?

A I had to make more than 83 pots. I made nearly 150.

Q What have you been up to since your successful challenge?

A We recently held An Evening with Billy and Alan which was a tongue-in-cheek pottery demonstration with comedy thrown in. It went really, really well and we're hoping to take it to schools and theatres next year if the interest is there. So maybe people could get in touch if they'd like us to visit them.

Q Have you got anything planned in the future?

A Apart from continuing to fulfill orders and to carry on growing our classes, we would like to build on the live events and are very hopeful about developing our new relationship with the Co-operative as their Funeralcare division is the biggest in the UK and they've just started trialling our unique, made-to-order funeral urns. Our next big thing is our international Pottery Fayre open to the public – the Ceramics South East Potters Market in July at The Friars, which attracts artists from all over the world.

Q & A

Potter Mark 'Billy' Byles talks to **Anna White** about his love for his craft, the business he co-owns at The Friars in Aylesford, branching out into comedy and smashing the Guinness World Record for pot-making

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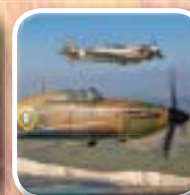
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Anger at gay MP outed in expenses row

■ BY MARIJKE COX

A GAY rights group has condemned former cabinet minister David Laws' secrecy over his sexuality, claiming it has set the movement back.

Campaigners from Pride in Canterbury also pointed out the discrepancy between the shamed Chief Secretary of the Treasury's fear of coming out and the Lib Dem policy on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) rights.

In its manifesto, the party pledged to increase LGBT representation in Parliament, where before the election only two per cent of MPs were openly gay.

Andrew Brettel, from Pride in Canterbury, said Mr Laws' actions showed the gay community still had a long way to go to achieve true equality.

"It should be easy to be openly gay in Government, given that before the election the three main parties seemed keen to show how committed they were to LGBT and other diversity issues," he said.

In a statement, Mr Laws, MP for Yeovil in Somerset since 2001, apologised for his actions, after it was revealed he had used taxpayers' money to pay more than £40,000 in rent to his long-term partner James Lundie.

In 2006, rules were changed at Westminster to stop payments to partners, but Mr Laws – who unsuccessfully contested the Folkestone

and Hythe seat against Michael Howard in 1997 – continued to do so by failing to disclose his relationship with Mr Lundie.

He said his motivation was not to maximise profit, but to keep his sexuality a secret.

Martin Lammass, from Pride in Canterbury, said: "He knew he was in a relationship, he knew it was illegal to claim those expenses and he thought he could get away with it – the same old story."

"What he did was wrong and a serious misdemeanour and he should pay the consequences."

"His constituency should have the opportunity to call him back and make him stand again."

"What chance have they got of him standing up for their rights when he can't stand up for his own?"

Hostile

Lib Dem members have also criticised Mr Laws' actions and supported his decision to step down from his position at Westminster.

Peter Carroll, Kent's most high-profile Lib Dem after his successful Gurkha resettlement rights campaign, said: "If somebody claiming benefits had done a similar thing they would be treated in a hostile way."

"However much I feel for David Laws, you can't have a Government minister who does something where it suggests there is one rule for them and one rule for another."

"He had to stand down. If you put yourself in public office you have to face the consequence of your actions."



SECRECY: MP David Laws claimed expenses while paying his long-term partner James Lundie £40,000 in rent

"Politics is in a dreadful state – politicians must be whiter than white."

Despite the revelations, colleagues including Prime Minister David Cameron and his deputy Nick Clegg paid tribute to Mr Laws.

Mr Carroll, who suffered his third successive election defeat when he took on Tory Helen Grant for the Maidstone and The Weald seat on May 6, said he understood why.

"I think there is a sense of compassion in most people and they can see he has gone through a real personal trauma," he said.

"It's a matter of honour and he did the right thing by stepping down."

But while some are forgiving of Mr Laws' actions, the gay community are calling on him to make amends by making LGBT issues his primary task in Parliament should he continue as a politician.

Mr Lammass said: "Until we stop the situation where people like David Laws stay in the closet for no good reason, people in the rest of the UK are going to continue to do so."

Under pressure teachers are too sick for school

STRESSED teachers are taking thousands of days off work each year as the target culture in schools takes its toll.

Figures obtained through a Freedom of Information request revealed that in 2008, primary and secondary teachers working for Kent County Council took a total of 61,941 days off sick.

The previous year showed a similar figure of more than 60,000 days.

Figures for last year were not available at the time of the request, but numbers were expected to be around the same.

Statistics showed that of the 13,500 teachers working in KCC-run schools were absent for an average of almost one working week each, per year.

This is in addition to the three months annual paid leave teachers receive.

Medway council was unable to provide KOS Media with the number of days lost in its area, but revealed in 2008-09, 1,692 teachers were off sick, 65 off without authorisation.

In 2009-10, 1,328 teachers took sick days.

Supply teachers cost up to £200 a day, meaning millions of pounds of public money is spent each year on cover.

Clr Gary Cooke, deputy cabinet member for children, defended the absentee figures by stating that Kent schools outperform private sector companies.

He said: "Teachers have a phenomenally difficult job to do but on average the latest figures show less than five days sick per annum per teacher. This is lower than the current average of more than six sick days a year taken by workers at private companies."

Pressured

A spokesman from Teacher Support Network, a group of independent charities offering help to teachers, said the circumstances under which they work are incredibly pressured.

"Through our contact we know the stress and other common mental health problems such as anxiety and depression are widespread in the profession and they have a negative impact on teacher health," he said.

"Pressures including increased workload, bullying and financial concerns all contribute to undermining their health and well-being."

"Their work is subjected to more scrutiny than almost any other profession, through inspections and league tables."

"The work they do is constantly assessed and unfairly criticised and teachers are increasingly held accountable for issues that would traditionally be considered the responsibility of the parents."

Nationally, 313,000 teachers were off sick in 2008 – more than half of the workforce.

In 2009, this figure dropped to 309,000, but the total number of working days lost was 2,695,000.

Across the UK, the average number of days off sick for all teachers was just under five – the same as Kent – but for those who actually took time off, the average was eight days.

Compact surgery at the cutting edge

WE HAVE had a jack-in-the-box, and even a boyfriend-in-a-box, but a leading Kent medic has designed a hospital in a box so well he has won a major national award.

Surgical technician Alexander Bushell is also an acclaimed inventor, and his incredibly innovative design for a super-compact treatment centre has taken the world by storm.

He has now just received the Innovation Award at the inaugural Performance Awards in London.

Working with his team of NHS technicians, he is responsible for the concept and design that allows medical teams to carry out life-saving operations almost anywhere in the world.

The awards are designed to put the spotlight firmly on exceptional individual achievement, like Kirsty Moore, the only female to fly with the Red Arrows.

Mr Bushell, 49, who runs Global Medical Systems, at the Kent Science Park in Sittingbourne, said: "This is an operating theatre that can be in action for around £20,000."

"Our first ones have already gone to Nigeria and we are hopeful there will be many more takers around the world."

"It would be of particular use in places where people have suffered bullet and shrapnel wounds or burns, so the military application is important."

"You get everything that would normally be found in theatre, like an anaesthetic machine, multi-parameter monitoring, lights, and kit packs of consumables."

"It is all designed for special locations. So



the packs for military would be different for those that deal with things like cataracts.

"And it all comes with its own solar-operated system. You can also use wind turbines, or even pedal power."

The awards were created by Scottish international performance consultant, Gerry Rose, who put together a renowned independent panel to identify breakthrough achievements



OUTSIDE THE BOX: Alexander Bushell has picked up an innovation award for his super-compact treatment centre

and encourage future talent across a variety of categories.

He said: "It is perhaps paradoxical that the inspiration for today's event stemmed from the global economic challenges that came to the fore in late 2008."

"At that time, a few of us got together to develop the idea of counteracting some of the ongoing doom and gloom by finding and telling the stories behind some of the great feats of performance that are constantly happening across the UK."

"I am a great believer in the power and influence of story-telling and see the sharing of our nominee stories as a great way of inspiring people to fully engage or even re-engage with their personal ambitions during these trying economic times."

PC is charged with wasting police time

A POLICE officer has been charged with wasting police time.

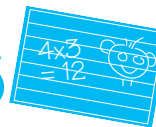
The charges against Frances Croucher, 27, of Maidstone, relate to an investigation into a report of an assault in Swanley in January.

PC Croucher claimed she was attacked during the routine search of a van which had a missing rear number plate.

She was taken to hospital and later discharged.

Croucher was released on bail last week to appear before magistrates in Sevenoaks on June 28.

She is currently suspended from duty.



BREAK TIME

Pupils get a taste of Spain at home

LANGUAGE pupils had the chance to enhance their knowledge of Spanish culture without leaving Maidstone town centre.

Students from Maidstone Grammar School have been learning about life in the Mediterranean country, including food, and jumped at the opportunity to sample some authentic Spanish cuisine.

But, rather than hop on a plane, the year eight youngsters were able to taste a variety of Spanish foods at restaurant La Tasca, in Earl Street.

As well tucking-in to a variety of tapas, such as chorizo, paella and calamari, the group of 30 students were also treated to a buffet-style feast of new dishes on four separate occasions.

There was also an opportunity for the teenagers to practise the Spanish language when restaurant manager Michelle asked them to fill in forms to describe which food they liked best and why.

Although the group were seated at the back of the restaurant, their enthusiasm was spotted by other customers who commented to staff and teachers on how good their Spanish was.



EATING OUT: The pupils at the Tapas restaurant

Students fight graffiti in big community clean-up

■ BY ANNA WHITE

HARD-WORKING students rolled up their sleeves to help rid their communities of graffiti.

A group of youngsters from New Line Learning Academy, in Loose, pulled together to tackle a vandalised wall in Tovil – which had been painted with spray paint.

The teenage volunteers – Luke Bird, Luke Turner, Gerry Lee Owen, Arrone Francis and Jamie Barton – scrubbed the surface of the offensive graffiti before painting it with a more attractive shade of green.

They were also offered help from staff at Golding Homes, formerly Maidstone Housing Trust, which provides affordable houses for residents.

The day of action, held on Tuesday, May 25, was part of a year-long scheme aimed at encouraging schoolchildren to give back to their villages and areas.

All 14 to 16 year-olds at the New Line Academy and its sister site, The Cornwallis Academy, in Linton, have pledged to complete 50 hours of community activities over the next 12 months.

NLL community director Richard Jenkins, who organised the clean-up, said the initiative has already proved a great success.

He said: "The work carried out in Tovil was a collaboration between New Line Learning and Golding Housing, two local trusts sharing the aims of improving our environment, building stronger communities and creating opportunities for young people to lead and excel.



GOING GREEN: The teenage volunteers from New Line Learning Academy clean and paint the damaged wall in Tovil

"All the students involved enjoyed the experience and were thrilled seeing the improvement their efforts brought."

Other activities Mr Jenkins has organised for the NLL students include staging a mini World Cup for primary school children on Friday, June 11, at Mote Park, and assisting the council with a Park Wood clean-up on Friday, June 25.

The youngsters are also helping to develop a

plan with Yalding parish council and Medway Valley Countryside Partnership to improve the accessibility and educational use of Yalding Fen.

The academies hope businesses and organisations will get in touch if they have a project the students can help with.

For more information or to offer the youngsters some work, contact Richard Jenkins at richard.jenkins@newlinelearning.com.

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A2 Neanderthal finds could now change history

■ BY CHRIS MURPHY

A NEW discovery suggests Neanderthal man made his home in Kent much earlier than previously thought.

It was always known that Neanderthals had lived in Britain then retreated to mainland Europe during the ice age 200,000 years ago, but a fresh find of flints shows they came back much earlier than previously thought.

Neanderthal man lived in Europe for 260,000 years. Scientists had believed the ancestors of modern man arrived in Britain about 65,000 years ago.

But this find means they may have to revise their time frame.

The flints are waste flakes from the manufacture of unknown tools probably used to cut up animals for food.

A University of Southampton archaeologist and Oxford Archaeology spotted evidence that Neanderthals were living in Britain at the start of the last ice age.

Commissioned by Oxford Archaeology, the university's Dr Francis Wenban-Smith discovered two ancient flint handtools at the junction of the M25 and the A2.

They were found during a Highways Agency excavation, and mean Dartford could have been founded by the Neanderthals.

Tests on sediment burying the flints show they date from around 110,000 years ago, proving Neanderthals were living in Britain at this time.

Until now, it was believed Kent and all of the UK was an empty wilderness after the Ice Age forced everyone south 200,000 years ago, with Neanderthals not returning until 65,000 years ago.

Dr Wenban-Smith said: "I couldn't believe my eyes when I received the test results.

"We know Neanderthals inhabited northern France at this time, but this new evi-



HARD EVIDENCE: The flints suggest human occupation

dence suggests that as soon as sea levels dropped, and a 'land bridge' appeared across the Channel, they made the journey by foot to Kent."

Oxford Archaeology project manager David Score said: "The fieldwork uncovered a significant amount of activity at the Dartford site in the Bronze Age and Roman periods.

"It is deeper trenches which have yielded the most interesting results – shedding light on a long period when there was assumed to have been an absence of early man from Britain."

One theory is that Neanderthals may have been attracted back to Kent by the flint-rich chalk downs visible from France. These supported mammoth, rhino, horse and deer – an important food source in sub-Arctic conditions.

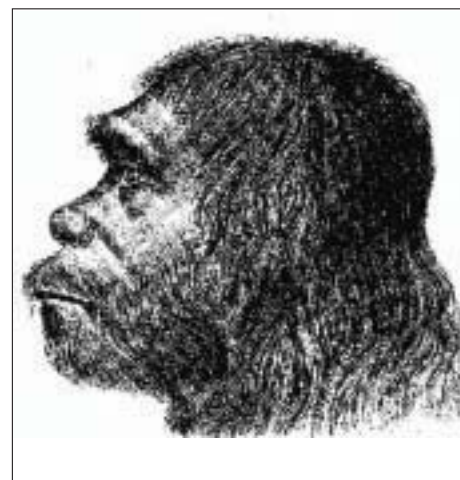
Dr Wenban-Smith added: "These are people who had no real shelter – no houses, not even caves, so we can only speculate that by the time they returned, they had developed physiologically to cope with the cold, as well as behavioural strategies such as planning winter stores and making good use of fire."

Dr Wenban-Smith said more evidence is needed to date their occupations accurately.

Other results from the project include the discovery of a woolly rhino tooth in the flood-plain gravels of the River Darent, dated at around 40,000 years old.



FACE TO FACE: Archaeologist Dr Francis Wenban-Smith has found evidence of our Kentish ancestor Neanderthal Man



Kent and Essex forces join

A GROUNDBREAKING new plan will see Kent and Essex police officers working together in one crime-fighting unit.

The Serious Crime Directorate will tackle big-league offenders including armed robbery gangs and drug smugglers from its base in Ebbsfleet.

A total of 1,100 officers and support staff make up the new elite force which will have its own intelligence network, surveillance teams and forensics experts.

In charge is Kent Assistant Chief Constable Alan Pughsley, who is convinced he will forge a formidable unit.

"This is a groundbreaking initiative when it comes to UK policing."

The purpose of the new organisation is to tackle the most serious criminal offenders.

Mr Pughsley said: "The advantage we will have is that we will be able to commit more resources to investigations."

Essex was chosen to partner Kent in the

new initiative because of the problems faced by both forces.

"One problem is criminals who are coming out of London and committing offences elsewhere, so we have ensured that the Metropolitan Police Force will be working with us."

Officers from the new unit are already operating but not at the joint level. It is expected to be fully operational in April 2012 but police say many parts will be in action before that date. Police say the new unit will not cost anything to put into action as the resources are already there.

But this plan will see the first formal large-scale tie up between the county forces.

"This is a way forward for policing in this country," said Mr Pughsley.



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YOUR LETTERS

We didn't vote for your idle promises

We are deeply disappointed at the failure of the new coalition government to back public transport in Maidstone.

Despite the rhetoric of the Lib Dems and Conservatives in the pre-election period it seems they had little intention of improving public transport and the promises were simply false.

Maidstone is the county town of Kent and needs better train links, not to have them continually downgraded.

The people of Maidstone have been misled by both Conservatives and Lib Dems – Maidstone deserves better.

Pre-election comments by Helen Grant are especially galling. Despite her declared support for the local rail campaign group it seems that this was simply an idle promise.

Stuart Jeffery, Green Party spokesman for Maidstone and the Weald, by email

Hope service can be resumed very soon

We are encouraged by the news the new Government is hoping to take early action in relation to the trains as families, communities and business are being affected.

We hope the train services to London Cannon Street and London Bridge are reinstated as soon as possible.

Felipe Alviar, member of Keep Our Trains campaign group, by email

Religion not what it's cracked up to be

Picking up on Clive Wilkins-Oppler's letter in last week's newspaper it seems to me that if God made man, rather than the other way round, there would be only one religion.

I know he is alleged to move in a mysterious wa, but I can see no reason why, if he exists, he would influence some to be Christian and believe Jesus was his son; some to be Moslem and believe Jesus was merely a prophet; and Jews to be believe neither and still await the promised Messiah.

And this is to say nothing about what Hindu's believe or to touch on the the South Sea Islanders who worship a fridge freezer or, indeed, those who revere Prince Phillip.

Clearly nonsense, but there remains the question of whether religion is a power for good.

Let me put it this way.

Were it not for religious Jews maintaining God promised them the land there would be no illegal settlements by Israelis in Palestinian lands.

Were it not for Islamism there would be no Hamas, no Taliban, no atrocities such as what was inflicted on Mumbai and so on.

your blogger

Cuts in public spending will be welcomed by ratepayers sick of council overstaffing and big salaries



BARRING the unfortunate departure of David Laws, the Cameron-Clegg coalition seem to be getting stuck in with the cuts and making a decent fist of it.

Come on, if he'd wanted to keep his private life private then he shouldn't have claimed the £40,000, it wasn't as though he needed it.

The big cuts are coming and the only reason Chancellor George and his assistant Vince are acting so swiftly is that it helps convince the money men around the world that Britain is not like the Costa countries and we deserve to retain our top notch credit rating.

The message is simple: "We are not Greece... or Spain... or Portugal." That's it.

The good news is that with the pound getting stronger against the euro then your European holiday is going to be cheaper. And you'll be able to ensure brilliant return service in any Greek restaurant or bar if you leave just a little tip. Hurrah.

The same increase is not true of the dollar-sterling exchange rate, but it's probably worth giving the United States a miss this year anyway as the beaches are a bit mucky.

But holidays are probably not at the forefront of your mind if you work in the public sector though.

Yes, that's all you council employees and Whitehall penpushers. (NHS staff are excluded because you make far too much noise, and there's a lot of you. The

government will wait a while to squeeze you next year).

You council employees are set for a hefty round of redundancies and don't expect much sympathy from us. Unfortunately, you ignored for years that you are directly accountable to the voter.

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And when it comes to spending our cash, we've even had a sneaking suspicion that some of you naughty council officers have misled elected councillors.

Yes I know a lot of councillors are genuinely sincere in their wish to provide a better life for people but most know nothing about finance... or **REALISTIC WAGES** for senior officers.

And so it's payback time.

You council folk are first in the firing line and a lot of council tax-payers are going to enjoy it.

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Religion, a power for good?
I beg to differ.

Ian Macmillan, by email

Stacked against the first-time buyers

It's a good idea for cash to be made available to local authorities to bring houses back onto the market, but will they be made available for those who really need them?

At the moment the housing market is on the up which is good news for those who possess properties. But it is not so good for those people who want to try and get on the housing ladder.

So when these homes are made available they should be at a price which is accessible for first-time buyers.

Mark Baldwin, by email

County cricket club getting in the swing

Finally Kent County Cricket Club seem to be turning things around with some good results.

The win at Durham was excellent and although we would always be favourites to beat Scotland the T20 victory over a strong Essex side on their own ground was very satisfying.

A week or more ago I was worried we could become the first team not to win a single game in any format.

But now things are looking up.

Why couldn't we have started the season in this sort of form?

Brian Hicks, by email



Wartime tales were history in the making

The stories carried in all the media about Dunkirk were very interesting and worthwhile.

Some may say too much attention is still being paid to World War Two, but as the last of the people who experienced the battlefields at first hand die off it is only in the next few years we shall have the chance to listen to their own accounts of how history was made.

When the last survivors are no more events really do become history – just recounted in books and by increasingly inaccurate war films and television programmes.

So the tales of veterans should be listened to while there is still time.

George Walliams, by email

Raise a cup and help charity at same time

As a long-time supporter of Marie

Curie Cancer Care and a passionate cake baker I would like to ask your readers in Medway to join the charity's Blooming Great Tea Party celebrations this summer.

We're inviting people to hold their own tea parties any time between June 12 and July 12, to help raise money for the charity.

Whether it's a garden party, afternoon tea or a simple gathering of friends for a cuppa, holding a Blooming Great Tea Party couldn't be simpler.

Every tea party, however big or small, will help more Marie Curie Nurses to provide free care for terminally-ill people in their own homes or at one of the charity's hospices.

I do hope some of your readers are able to help us. To sign up for a free Blooming Great Tea Party fundraising pack bursting with fabulous ideas to help create the perfect party call 08700 340 040 or www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty.

Jane Asher, Blooming Great Tea Party



Building together for the environment

The European Parliament is a place for the countries of Europe to work together on issues that affect us all, and no issue is a bigger threat to our common long-term security than climate change.

This issue has no respect for borders and it can only be tackled if the world works together.

I was therefore delighted this week to vote with my colleagues to support plans to see new public buildings across Europe become "nearly zero energy efficient" by 2021, and greatly improve the efficiency of Europe's existing 190 million building stock.

It is estimated that buildings are responsible for 40 per cent of energy consumption and for 35 per cent of the total greenhouse gas emissions in Europe. Promoting energy efficient buildings is the best way to cut this and to provide financial savings in the long-term.

Energy efficient buildings not only protect the environment but also offer a 30 per cent energy saving over some conventional buildings. These new energy saving standards will cut energy bills for families and businesses in South East England and will help tackle fuel poverty at source.

Only one per cent of the UK's housing stock is currently considered to be energy efficient. We have a great opportunity ahead of us to make our communities greener and more prosperous, but we must act now.

I promised when I was elected to work to help protect the environment and this is just one example of how I am achieving this for Kent and across Europe.

Catherine Bearder, Lib Dem Euro MP for Kent

Foster the idea of a new career with kids

Nearly 20 years ago I made the decision to become a foster carer, leaving behind a career in teaching and youth work. It is the best decision I could have made.

There is now a shortage of 850 foster carers in the South East at a time when more children need foster homes.

This means children too often face moving a long way from their family and friends and many cannot live with their brothers or sisters.

More local foster carers are needed for local children and we are calling for more people with the right skills and qualities to come forward.

I feel proud to have been able to make a difference to the lives of so many children and I would urge your readers to consider doing the same.

To find out more people should speak to their local fostering service, call Fosterline on 0800 040 7675 or visit www.couldyoufoster.org.uk.

Jim Bond, foster carer and chair of the Fostering

BY STEVE KNIGHT

BUDGET cuts at the Department for Transport could hamper the chances of the £16 billion Crossrail project being extended into Kent.

Last week transport minister Theresa Villiers warned she was looking for "value for money" in the scheme, prompting fears that several proposed stations may be scrapped.

Current plans for the new 74-mile network see it running from Maidenhead in Berkshire to Abbey Wood in London, and Shenfield in Essex, with stops throughout the capital including at Heathrow.

Kent County Council and former Labour MP for Dartford Howard Stoate were hopeful the project could also be extended into the north of the county, but this now appears less likely given that stations included in the original plan – including Maidenhead and Abbey Wood – are now under threat amid reports of the Government seeking a £5bn saving.

Despite the proposed cuts, Dr Stoate's Tory successor Gareth Johnson said he was not giving up on the dream just yet.

He said: "I would deeply love to see Crossrail

Hopes of Crossrail link under threat from £5bn in cuts

extended right to Ebbsfleet, but it's going to come down to costings quite frankly because we've got to sort out the financial deficit.

"There are lots of negotiations going on at the moment and the finer details of the operation are still being worked on.

Gridlock

"I'd be surprised if there was an announcement soon that Crossrail will be extended into north Kent, but we hope it's still

a medium-term goal and it's something we will continue to pursue."

Crossrail is the UK's biggest transport project since the Channel Tunnel, with the first trains due to run on the line by 2017.

The scheme is included in KCC's "growth without gridlock" transport strategy, which states the authority is "keen to see the route extended to Gravesend with good interchange at Ebbsfleet International".

However, Cllr Nick Chard – cabinet member



CUT OFF: KCC's hopes to link Ebbsfleet with Crossrail may be shelved

for environment, highways and waste – declined to comment on speculation about the project.

Former transport secretary Geoff Hoon raised the possibility of Crossrail reaching Kent when he accepted an invitation from Dr Stoate to visit Dartford in March last year.

He said at the time: "Howard has pressed me hard on the question of Crossrail and the extension to Ebbsfleet. We have preserved the route and made it a possibility, and I'm certainly not ruling it out."

Family to sue negligent hospital over young mother's death

A WIDOWER whose wife died when a hospital's treatment of her fell woefully below what would be expected is taking legal action.

Donna Maben, 33, died from septicæmia at the William Harvey Hospital, near her home in Ashford.

An inquest was highly critical of her treatment and care, and now husband Ian has instructed lawyers to fight for compensation.

Solicitor Sarah Harman said she

cannot talk about the case, but confirmed the litigation.

She said: "The family are taking legal action. The Trust has admitted liability and we are negotiating."

Asked when the case would be going into court, she said: "When you are negotiating you are not quite sure."

Donna died on May 11, 2009. The mum had been admitted to hospital on April 21 suffering from abdominal pains and yet was

discharged just three days later.

She collapsed in agony two weeks later and was finally given surgery on a twisted bowel that had gone gangrenous. But by then it was too late for her.

The coroner was horrified at the circumstances of the death.

Rachel Redman said delays in operating and confusion over her treatment led to her death and she wrote to Stuart Bain, the chief

executive of East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust, with her concerns.

Her distraught husband Ian said: "They [the hospital] just weren't giving her the treatment you'd expect. Simple things – a lack of fluids – even me, not being medically trained, know that if you're taking in two litres of fluid and three litres of fluid are going out that's not a good thing."

When the damning verdict was announced Steven Pompeus, of East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "The trust would like to take this opportunity to apologise unreservedly for Donna's death."

"The Trust fully accepts the verdict of the coroner and would like to reassure the public that changes have already been implemented to ensure the same tragic outcome does not happen again."

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
CLASSY attractive lady, 60's, seeks male of similar age for walks, talks, meals out, cinema, theatre and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334913 

LADY young looking, mid 50's, attractive, likes gardening, walks, days out, socialising, seeks kind, caring male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334721

PETITE female, slim, attractive, blonde hair, green eyes, GSOH, romantic, likes sports, nights out, meals, seeks honest, genuine, N/S male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334613 

ATTRACTIVE petite, 50yr old brunette, seeks male company and friendship, possibly romance, 45-55. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334547 

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DAWN 44, small outgoing blue eyed brunette, needing some male attention seeks male, who's not too tall for a casual, uncomplicated relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334825 

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RITA 50, likes walks, cinema, travel, music, seeks solvent, N/S male, 47-54 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334467

PETITE charming, bubbly brunette, likes most things, seeks genuine male, 50-58. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332993 

ATTRACTIVE slim single mum, 44, seeks similar tall male, 40-50, caring, loving and loyal, are you? Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334393 


RACHEL 5ft 7ins, blonde hair, blue eyes, sexy, voluptuous, likes alone time, seaside, seeks older, kind, loving, generous male, 75 plus. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334323

CLARE petite, size 8-10, likes music, historic places, holidays, animals, meals out, walks, seaside, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334101 

KATHLEEN 42, likes keep fit, cycling, cooking, cinema, single mum, seeks genuine male for fun and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334085 


LADY 64, 5ft 6ins, slim, likes meals out, travel, seaside, music, films, seeks outgoing male, 63-67 for relationship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334053 

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SUSIE 55, medium build, dark hair, blue eyes, 5ft 5ins, own home, likes historical places, driving, travel, walks, tv, seeks N/S male with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333997 

CHERYL 51, attractive, brown hair, likes socialising, seeks attractive, employed male with GSOH to share good times with. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333691


ANDREA 34, lovely, sensual with long dark hair seeks mature male to take a chance and share a romantic meal for two. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333607 

FUN flirty rock chic, curvy size 12 seeks likeminded male to share special times and bring sunshine into her life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333605 


JILL stunning blue eyed blonde, sporty, devoted footie fan, seeks tall, active guy who's not too shy to try something a bit different. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333603 

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SUE honest, caring, understanding, young 53, seeks tall, honest male, 48-55. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333663 


DIANA 46, blonde hair, blue eyes, 5ft 4ins, slim, no ties, OHAC, GSOH, likes nights out, travel, seeks similar male, 44-50. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333555 

FUN loving, attractive, black female, slim, 38, 5ft 7ins, likes walks, reading, theatre, music, seeks genuine, caring, European gent to share laughter and life. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333815 

SANDRA 60, bubbly widow WLTM loving male who knows how to treat a lady for good conversation and relaxed fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333631 


GEORGIE 45, cuddly bubbly blonde, seeks laid back guy to chill out, share adult conversation and relaxing no strings fun. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333629 


BEAUTIFUL vivacious female seeks kind hearted, affectionate guy to come home and share relaxing evenings together. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333627 


JUDY youthful slim nurse 45, no ties, can't wait to raise the temperature of a discreet, experienced, confident guy. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333625 

38YR old female, African, seeks caring, honest English male, 30-45 for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 333159 

FEMALE likes walks, gym, dancing, seeks tall male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 331469 


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CLAIRE 31, stunning, tall and curvy, long/dark, curly hair, likes to keep fit, seeks genuine male to share fun, friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330423 


ELLIE very affectionate, slim but curvy, auburn hair, hazel eyes, no ties, lives free to the full, seeks mature male for friendship/more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 329189 


CHRISSEY 5ft 2ins, 55, divorced, likes animals, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 328929 

MARGARET adventurous, well preserved professional, loving, kind, with many interests, seeks a younger male for fun times. Discretion assured. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 329183 

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
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LISA 42, medium build, African, likes cooking, walks, music, days in/out, WLTM caring, down to earth male, 40-50. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332817 

BLACK female, N/S, 44, 5ft 5ins, likes cinema, cooking, seeks N/S white, kind, honest, loving male, 48-56 with similar interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332979 


52YR old female, honest, reliable, trustworthy, likes socialising, meals out, cinema, travel, seeks similar male. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332983 

HEATHER 36, tall blue eyed brunette, shy, but always up for a laugh, looking to let her hair down with a tall, romantic male. Looks unimportant. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 332633 

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LADY 50's, N/S, likes theatre, walks, gardening, swimming, meals out, seeks genuine, N/S male of similar age and interests. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 327401

ATTRACTIVE brunette, blue eyes, 5ft 3ins, petite, mid 50's, seeks gent of similar age for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 331731 

HEATHER 48, attractive, well travelled, no ties, seeks honest older male for romance and TLC. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 330425 

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LOVELY young at heart, blue eyed blonde, loves to dance seeks tall male who knows how to treat a lady. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 376638

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SUE young 43, long dark hair, very adventurous seeks mature male with plenty of experience to chill out and share uncomplicated friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 378306 

ATTRACTIVE slim, young lady, seeks genuine black male for LTR. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 348468 

SLIM Asian female, 47, honest, attractive, likes music, meals out, tv, seeks attractive, sensible male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 324787


DOWN to earth lady, 5ft 3ins, black hair, likes most things, Italian parents, seeks mature, relaxed male for friendship, maybe more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 326655

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55YR old male, 5ft 9ins, divorced, seeks N/S female, 45-60. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334713


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Listen to some of cinema's most memorable tunes and learn how music is used to build an atmosphere. The session is held at Strood Library at 2.30pm on Thursday (June 10) and refreshments will be served. To book call 01634 335890.

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See www.kent.gov.uk/explorekent or www.medway.gov.uk/walkingfestival.

The Wedding Singer

JILTED by his fiancée, Robbie struggles to find love in hit musical *The Wedding Singer*.

The Kentish Players present this feel-good musical at the Hazlitt Theatre in Maidstone from Wednesday (June 9) to Saturday (June 12). Tickets cost £13/£10. Book online at www.hazlittarts-centre.co.uk or call 01622 758611.

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ENJOY an evening of great songs when Funk Attack performs at Pizza Express in Maidstone.

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Fusion of good fun

Medway's Fuse Festival will take over the streets offering a huge range of music, entertainment and so much more over three weekends

EXPERIENCE the colourful and unusual as the Fuse Medway Festival brings more cutting edge arts performances to Kent.

Taking place over three weekends, with events in between, the festival is a vibrant celebration of the arts. Funded by the Arts Council England, all events are free and there is lots happening in Chatham, Gillingham, Strood, Rainham and Rochester. The festival draws audiences from all over Kent and even London, as Medway comes alive with music, art and performance.

This year's festival gets underway with Medway's biggest family tea party at Chatham Riverside, where visitors can take part in the teddy bear's picnic or enjoy a cup of tea at the Women's Institute tent. Anyone who has a sweet tooth will enjoy the cupcake workshop and there will also be the opportunity to make colourful bunting.

Entertainers include Pif Paf, composed of a grumpy ringmaster, an elephant with stage fright and a band of Kamikaze chickens, all hoping to entertain the crowds in surreal style. Wire puppet Sparky will lead a performance relay to Chatham Riverside, part of Kinetika's five-year national community arts project, *Imagination Our Nation*.

The Invisible Men will be determined to

wreak havoc amid the revellers when they turn up with music, sound effects and lots of props to help them make mischief. Jon Hicks demonstrates his extraordinary skill as a speed painter, creating vibrant works of art in moments, while Hoodwink present two waiters whose attempts to serve a diner are thwarted by a multitude of increasingly bizarre problems.

More madcap fun is on offer with Brook Youth Theatre's production, *Adventures in Wonderland*, in which Alice invites you to meet the Mad Hatter, the White Rabbit and the Queen of Hearts.

A love story with a thrilling twist plays out in *The Doctor's Daughter*, a fascinating new commission from Drama and Applied Theatre students at London's Central School of Speech and Drama. Set in the 1940s, this colourful and captivating show will be staged at various open-air venues throughout the festival.

On Friday, June 18 and Saturday 19, the fun continues with a focus on family and community, as *Periplus* performs a remarkable theatre piece. Performed with the help of Gillingham audiences, *Periplus* takes a journey through the town's streets and venues with 1,000 *Revolutions Per Moment*.

From the Bureau of Silly Ideas to the junk percussion duo, *Bang On!*, the second weekend features more unusual and uplifting perform-

ances in Gillingham High Street. Children aged under five will be delighted by Dizzy O'Dare's *Tiny Travelling Lightwire Show*, while *Close Act* sets the microscope to reverse and unleashes giant insects onto the streets of Gillingham.

The festival draws to a dramatic close with the Rochester Riverside Romp from 8pm to 11pm on Saturday, June 26. Informal banter and wry humour are blended with a stunning dance performance in *The Living Room*, choreographed by the award-winning Yael Flexer. Circus skills are put to haunting and moving use in *Lady Silk*, as aerialists bring the long-forgotten lady of the title to dramatic life.

Above the River Medway, the night sky will come alive with spectacular pyrotechnic eruptions and daredevil stunts that will make the audience gasp. Staged from the deck of the LV21, a 40-metre lightship which is now becoming a creative venue, the display is presented by *Scarabeus* who impressed at last year's festival with their *Danza Antigua*.

There is much, much more going on during the Fuse Medway Festival, so for full listings and more information visit the website at www.fusefestival.org.uk.

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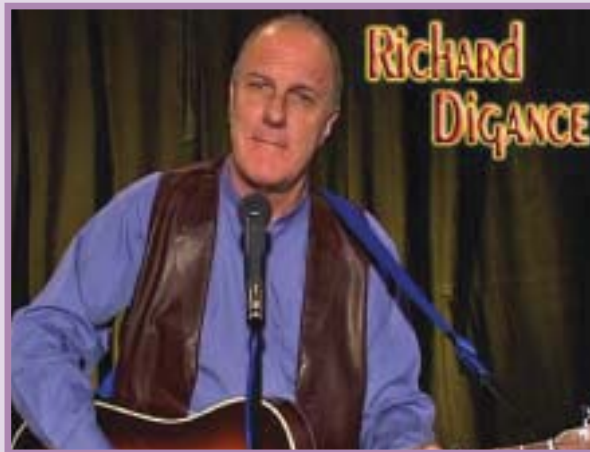


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RICHARD DIGANCE

Thursday, June 17, Brook Theatre, Chatham



COMIC favourite Richard Digance returns to Kent for an evening of music and laughter.

The BAFTA-nominated performer has been enchanting audiences since the 1970s and supported many world-class acts. Digance shared bills with the likes of Steve Martin, Robin Williams, Roy Orbison and the Beach Boys as he headed towards stardom.

His sharp wit, hilarious stories and strong songwriting skills earned him regular appearances on television during the 80s and he became a favourite with viewers. In 2003 he received the

Gold Award from the British Academy of Composers and Songwriters, an honour which was also presented to Sir Cliff Richard and Midge Ure.

Once voted one of the Magnificent Seven of Comedy by a national newspaper, Digance has played for half a million people at Knebworth. But next week he returns to his folk roots when he visits the Brook Theatre.

The show starts at 8pm and tickets cost £12/£11. To book, call the box office on 01634 338338 or book online at www.thebrooktheatre.co.uk.



MADAME BUTTERFLY

Saturday, June 12, Dickens World, Chatham



ENJOY the drama of opera in an unusual theatrical backdrop when Madame Butterfly flutters into Medway.

Mantissa Opera and the Virtual Reality Orchestra make a welcome return to Dickens World to present Puccini's much-loved opera, in the atmospheric setting of the Victorian Courtyard. Combining wonderful music with an emotional storyline and stunning scenery, the show is unmissable.

When a US naval officer marries a beautiful Japanese girl, the innocent Butterfly believes their marriage will last forever.

But her husband, Pinkerton, is not sure if his feelings for her are based on true love and believes that he will still marry an American woman one day.

When her disapproving relatives curse Butterfly on her wedding day, she ignores their words to focus on her new happiness. But Pinkerton's long absence in pursuit of his duties will lead to heartbreak and tragedy.

Tickets cost £39 including a three-course silver-service meal on the upper balcony before the show, or £25 for the opera only. To book, call 01634 890421 or visit www.dickensworld.co.uk.

MARTIN COYOTE

Friday, June 1, Tudor Park Hotel, Maidstone



START the weekend with a few belly laughs as the Comedy Club visits a new venue in Maidstone.

Taking place on the second Friday of each month, the new club promises three top comedians to end your working week in hilarious style. The opening night features acclaimed ad-libber Kevin McCarthy, whose warm personality is teamed with a razor-sharp wit. His accolades include the Club Mirror Comedian of the Year Award and, as a skilled MC, he can handle any audience with expert ease.

For seven years, Gerry K has impressed the stand-up circuit with his energetic persona and rib-tickling anecdotal comedy. His television appearances include roles in The Bill and Angelo's and he has co-hosted the football forum for Zoo Magazine.

One of British comedy's unsung heroes, headliner Martin Coyote (pictured) is a talented and respected stand-up. A member of the Comedy Store's flagship topical show, The Cutting Edge, he is also a prolific writer.

The over-18s show starts at 8.30pm and tickets cost £12 for club members or £14 for non-members. To book tickets, call 01622 632006. For more information, visit www.hahaheeh.com.



JOE LONGTHORNE

Thursday, June 17, Orchard Theatre, Dartford



NEARLY 30 years ago, Joe Longthorne first appeared on our televisions and a star was born.

The young man from Hull burst into the public consciousness in 1981 on London Weekend's Search for a Star and won countless fans with his impressive singing voice. A gifted impressionist, he is renowned for his huge repertoire of voices, such as Dame Shirley Bassey.

The son of travelling entertainers, Longthorne took his first steps into showbusiness when he won a talent show at the age of just six. Hooked on singing, he went on to appear in Junior Showtime, before getting his big break on Search for a Star.

Major stage and television success followed, but Longthorne faced a personal crisis when he was diagnosed with the life-threatening blood cancer, lymphoma.

The illness dogged his career for years until he underwent a bone marrow transplant in 2005, finally curing his condition and he has fought his way back to become one of the country's finest live entertainers.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £23.50/£20.50. Book online at www.orchardtheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01322 220000.

BILLY OCEAN

Thursday, June 10,
Central Theatre, Chatham



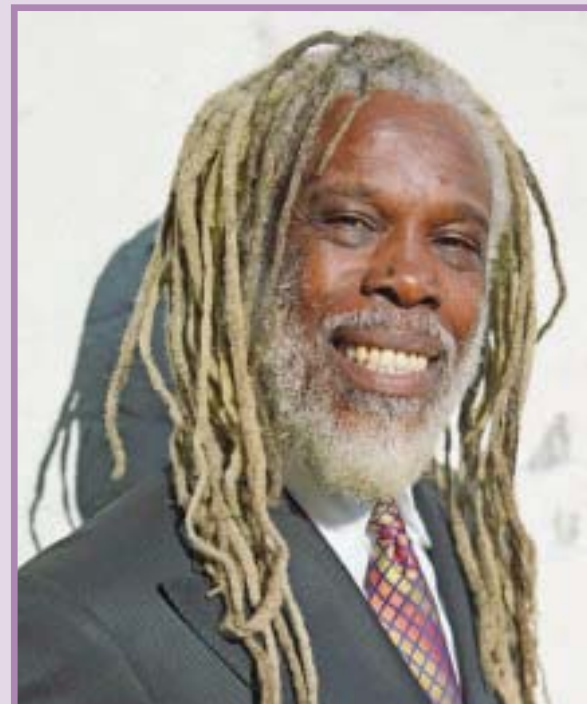
THERE will be sad songs to make you cry amid the hits when Billy Ocean performs in Medway.

As Britain's most successful black recording star, Ocean has achieved massive album sales and a Grammy Award during his music career. At the peak of his success, he put aside stardom to spend time with his young family, but a few years ago Ocean decided to hit the road once again.

From the moment his second single, Love Really Hurts Without You, hit the number-two spot in the UK charts in 1976, Ocean established himself as a charismatic star with an unforgettable voice. The hits kept coming, such as Love on Delivery, Stop Me, Red Light Spells Danger and Caribbean Queen.

He scored a number one hit with When the Going Gets Tough (The Tough Get Going), the theme song from Hollywood film, The Jewel of the Nile. Two US number ones followed with There'll Be Sad Songs (To Make You Cry) and Get Outta My Dreams: Get Into My Car.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £23.50/£22. Book online at www.the-centraltheatre.co.uk or call 01634 338338.



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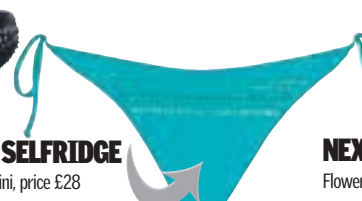
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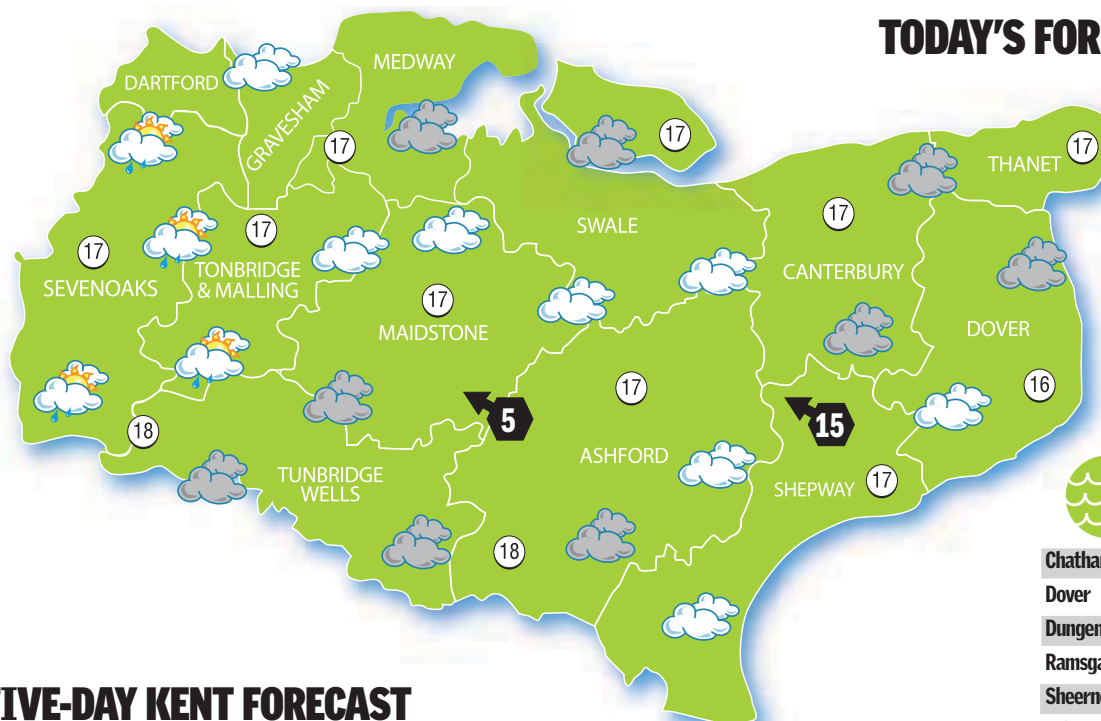
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Chatham	Saturday	1:29pm 5.8m	Sunday	2:12pm 5.9m
Dover	Saturday	11:35am 6.3m	Sunday	12:22pm 6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:46am 7.3m	Sunday	12:26pm 7.5m
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TEENAGE DIRTBAGS: US soft-rockers Wheatus will be at The Forum this month

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

LIFE is all about learning, so I'm told, and every day we're bound to learn something new.

Sometimes the new information is interesting, quirky or random enough to be deemed worth sharing with colleagues, loved ones or guests at dinner parties.

The feedback from such outbursts is often varied.

For instance, did you know that Mel Blanc, who provided the voice for Bugs Bunny, was ironically allergic to carrots?

If not, then congratulations, you've learned something new today. Whether you were impressed by this nugget of new information is a different matter.

Either way, feel free to enlighten/bore someone else with this random trivia.

Sadly, as you get older, the frequency of interesting new information declines.

Every so often, though, a real gem will appear from nowhere.

I had the good fortune to learn something random last week, while I was scouring emails and internet message boards to find a subject for this very column.

A quick click on the Tunbridge Wells Forum website revealed that – owing to huge demand – a second Wheatus date had been added to the venue's calendar.

And there it was – who knew Kent had so many Wheatus fans? Up until that point I was blissfully unaware that our green and pleasant county is home to so many Teenage Dirtbags.

It's important to remember that Wheatus have scored just two UK chart successes since starting out 15 years ago.

The American soft-rockers' hits were Teenage Dirtbag, the lyrics of which have somehow burned themselves into my mind, and A Little Respect, a pop cover of Erasure's classic single.

But who am I to judge?

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of Wheatus fans.

Too many, in fact, to fit inside The Forum for their gig on Monday, June 21.

All of which convinced venue bosses to add a second date the following night, tickets for which are on sale now at £10 each.

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BY THE SEASIDE: With its spectacular beaches, historic attractions and range of outdoor pursuits, Jersey offers adventures for all the family

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■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

ASK someone about Jersey and you may not always get a straightforward answer, such is its place in both history and geography.

The largest of the Channel Islands, it is closest to Britain in terms of culture and politics but is virtually on the doorstep of France, with much of its vocabulary derived from the Norman tongue.

What was once the centre of many battles between the two now represents the best of each country's merits, ranging from sandy beaches to outdoor activities and great eateries.

A comfortable flight time of about an hour from Lydd airport, the healthier, sunnier climate is noticeable as soon as you land, thanks to the nearby Gulf Stream.

My first port of call was St Brelades Bay on the south side, only a few minutes' drive from the airport yet wonderfully secluded.

After a tasty, healthy lunch of crab risotto overlooking the beach, a quick walk around the picturesque church and Fisherman's Chapel gives a sense of the history that pervades this small island.

I had a particular family interest in this as my great-grandfather was a sail-maker who hailed from Jersey.

On closer inspection, I found a Nicholas Alexandre inscribed as one of the former rectors of the church, dating from the 16th Century.

There is plenty of choice for thrill-seekers, from sand-yachting to kayaking, and the daredevil in me went for the abseiling.

Instructor John Fox, who runs Jersey Adventures, was friendly and helpful, showing me how to handle the ropes as I gradually made my way down the side of one of the

FACT FILE: JERSEY

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Languages	English and Jèrriais
Population	92,000
Currency	BP Sterling
Religion	Christianity



James Alexandre travelled with Jersey Tourism and CI Travel Group. Weekly flights depart Lydd airport July 10-September 4, at 12.50pm and 2pm, leaving Jersey at 11.15am and 12.20pm. A service runs from Manston airport (www.kentinternationalairport-manston.com). Seven-night holiday from £299 per person per week. To find out more, visit www.discoverjersey.com or phone 0844 4156653. Activities: outdoor pursuits (www.jerseyadventures.com), cycling (www.cycleinjersey.com), Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust (www.durrell.org), Jersey War Tunnels (www.jerseywartunnels.com). James stayed at the Hotel de France, St Saviour's Road, St Helier JE1 7XP (01534 614000 www.defrance.co.uk) and ate at The Boat House, 1 North Quay, St Aubin (01534 744226) and Saffrons, Hotel de France

many old German war forts dotted around the coast.

The picture-postcard setting of Corbiere lighthouse greets you as you make your way round the south-western tip to St Ouen's Bay.

Its stunning beach stretches for miles, making it a surfers' paradise. The Michelin-recommended El Tico cantina is perfectly placed to make the most of the Atlantic views.

A leisurely morning cycle-ride along some of Jersey's dedicated 'green lanes' is a great way to experience the countryside up close.

Blue Badge guide Arthur Lamy offers scenic tours of varying difficulty, including an introductory one that takes you from the centre of St Helier through to Gorey, home of Jersey Pottery and a great place to buy both lunch and a memento.

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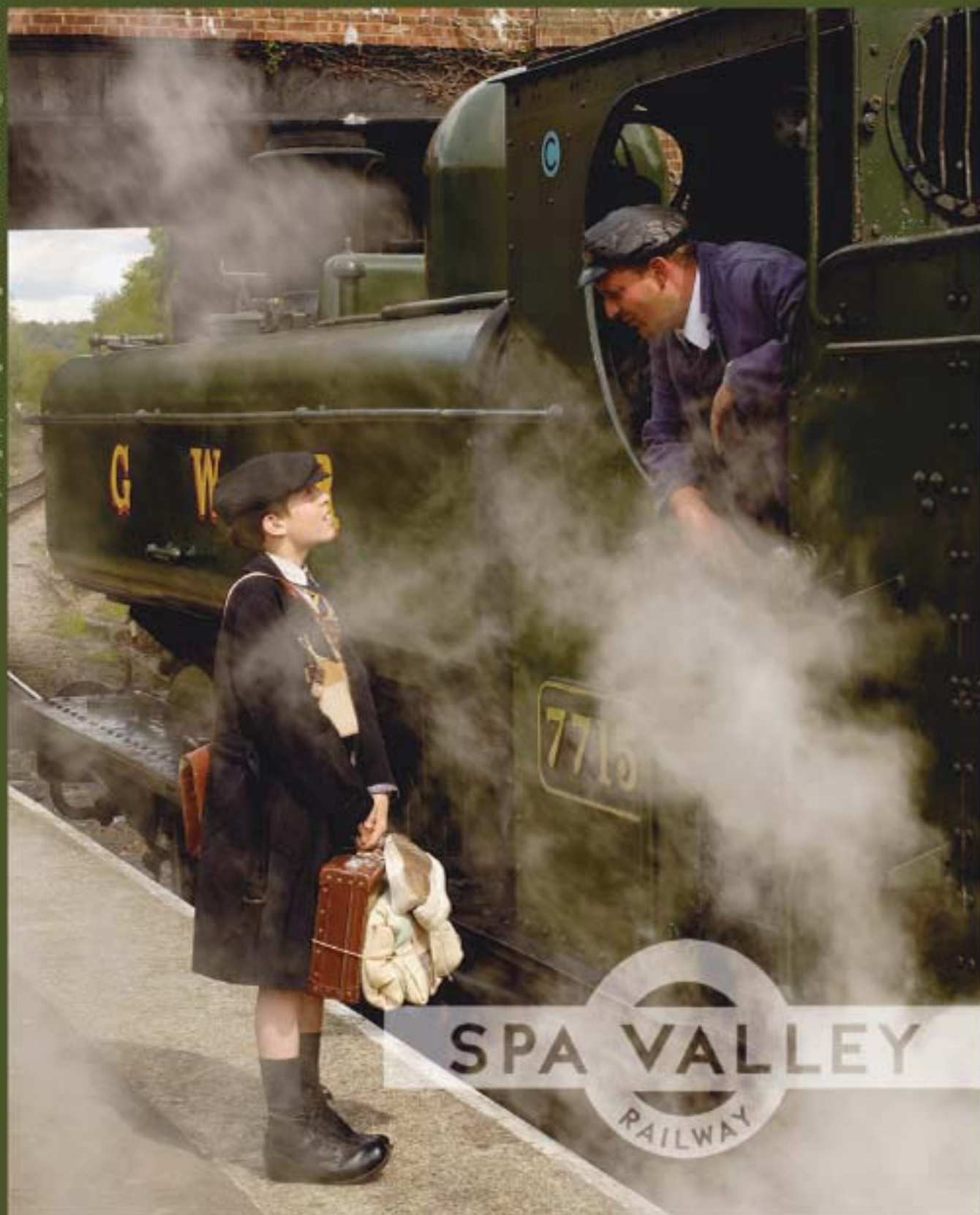
In the administrative centre of St Helier, the Victorian and fish markets offer a chance to savour some of today's island living, together with numerous shops and cafés leading to and from the Royal Square.

An exhibition on the life of Marilyn Monroe is on display at the Jersey Museum until September, while other highlights include a 19th-century merchant's house.

The four-star Hotel de France in St Helier has excellent spa facilities, and two restaurants – the contemporary Café Aroma and the fine Indian cuisine at Saffrons.

With so much on offer and to explore, Jersey is a welcome break in a climate free from the hassle of Continental travel but with the sunshine associated with going abroad.

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Kirk keeps embers burning in a predictable, but enjoyable rom com

■ BY DAMON SMITH

SELF-doubt is hard-wired into the British psyche at birth.

While Americans seem to exist in a bubble of self-confidence that borders on arrogance, we don't just hide our lights under a bushel, we extinguish them entirely.

Heaven forbid we should embrace the possibility that we are beautiful, intelligent, charming and desirable creatures.

It's much better to expect the worst and then be pleasantly surprised when life unexpectedly deals us a half-decent hand.

Always drink from a glass half empty because if you venture nothing then you lose nothing. Of course, you end up with nothing too.

Jim Field Smith's effervescent romantic comedy strikes a chord, centring on a lovable airport security guard, whose low self-esteem almost wrecks the best relationship he might ever have.

We've all done it – extinguished the embers of potential romance before they have even smoldered because the girl or guy we like is simply too good looking, funny or smart to be interested.

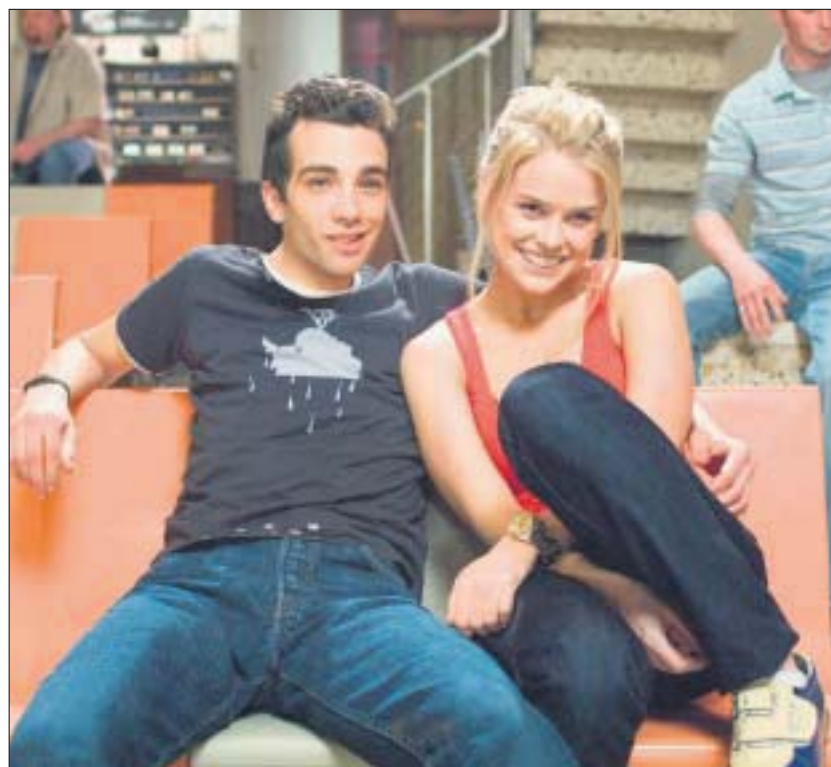
In *She's Out Of My League*, Kirk Kettner (Jay Baruchel) is cruelly dumped by his girlfriend Marnie.

To rub salt into the wounds, his parents have adopted Marnie like a surrogate daughter so she is always around the house with her new boyfriend in tow.

Kirk desperately wants to win her back but best friend Stainer strongly counsels against it, having always loathed Marnie.

Somehow, Kirk ends up on a date with Molly (Alice Eve), a beautiful passenger who passes through his security gate at Pittsburgh airport.

She seems keen, much to the bemusement of Kirk's jealous buddies, Stainer and Jack, who rate their man as a five maybe six on the eligibility scale and Molly a perfect 10.



LOVE MATCH?: Jay Baruchel as Kirk and Alice Eve as Molly in effervescent romantic comedy *She's Out of My League*

"If someone really loves you, then you're a 10," argues fellow security guard Devon, a hopeless romantic who is obsessed with Disney animated films.

Molly's sardonic friend Patty also feels that Kirk doesn't meet the grade and tries to poison Molly's ear, to no avail.

As Kirk and Molly grow closer, he takes her home to meet his loved ones.

"Twenty minutes with your family and she'll

file for a restraining order," guffaws Stainer. Perhaps.

She's Out Of My League is a predictable yet hugely enjoyable genre piece that relies on our natural empathy for Baruchel's nice guy as he wrestles with myriad insecurities and derision from the people who should be bolstering his self-confidence.

His performance anchors the picture and Eve is an adorable object for Kirk's affections,

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proving every bit as vulnerable and insecure as her suitor.

Director Smith conjures some hysterical interludes such as Kirk allowing Devon to shave his nether portions in order to enhance the apparent size of his manhood. Ouch!

The haphazard journey of self-discovery culminates in some bruising home truths at the airport.

Love hurts.

SHE'S OUT OF MY LEAGUE 
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SWITCHED ON: BBC's World Cup team, headed by Gary Lineker, are out to impress



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THERE'S a football tournament starting in two days time, if you haven't heard.

Football fans will be in total heaven, of course, but the World Cup in South Africa will have non-football loving people desperately reaching for the remote control or tearing their hair out for an entire month.

As ever, I expect the BBC will be the broadcaster to watch.

With the amount of games roughly divvied up equally between them and ITV it will be a game of two halves – or a tournament of two stations, to be more accurate.

When it comes to this kind of big event ITV are often left in the shade. I don't say that with glee, but I think most fans would agree that when it comes to the matches they'd rather watch the BBC than ITV.

■ BY THOMAS BETTS

Fans will doubtless tune in to whatever station happens to be showing each game, but the underdogs do seem to employ the most annoying pundits available.

Andy Townsend, who seems to have climbed to be the broadcaster's pundit-in-chief, is a case in point.

He was an average player, and has made for an average expert in my eyes, and he'll be sitting alongside the dreary Gareth Southgate and Robbie Earle, among others. It hardly makes you look forward to the pre-game build-up or half-time analysis.

In Adrian Chiles they probably think they have poached one of its rival's star strikers, but I'm not sure he's as loved by the public as TV execs actually seem to think.

Meanwhile, the BBC employ real legends of the game to handle their coverage.

The effortlessly smooth Gary Lineker, a man who has really been there and done it, anchors the affair and sat on the couch opposite we have Jurgen Klinsmann, Alan Shearer, Clarence Seedorf, and top dog Alan Hansen who will be giving their views while looking out from a specially built £1 million studio overlooking Table Mountain.

It all sounds rather flash to me.

Fans will undoubtedly make their judgement on World Cup final day, when both channels will show the culmination of the tournament.

ITV usually gets trounced when this happens and I'll eat my replica kit if that doesn't happen again.

But I'll leave you to decide for yourselves...

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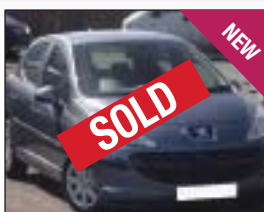
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2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	13D	5	Lemon grass	1,350	9,495
2009	59	Agila Design CDTi	13D	5	Moroccan blue	1,266	9,495
2009	59	Agila Club CDTi	13D	5	Steel silver	3,900	8,995
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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2001	51*	Astra Sxi	16	5	Black sapphire	78,350	2,995
2006	06	Astra Active	16	5	Ultra blue	37,000	6,995
2007	07	Astra Design Auto Estate	18	5	Silver lightening	22,190	7,495
2007	07	Astra Sri Sports hatch X pack 16 TBO	18	3	Flame red	29,810	9,995
2007	07	Astra Club Auto	18	5	Panacotta	30,350	6,995
2007	57	Astra VXR	2.0	3	Arden blue	25,000	13,995
2008	08	Astra Sri	18	5	Black sapphire	20,100	8,995
2008	08	Astra Design CDTi Auto	19D	5	Star silver	22,200	9,995
2008	08	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Silver lightening	24,300	9,695
2008	08	Astra Sri X Pack	18	5	Black sapphire	14,575	10,495
2008	58	Astra Sri CDTi X Pack	19D	3	Star silver	10,100	12,795
2008	58	Astra Sri Ex Pack	18	3	Black sapphire	5,960	10,995
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2009	09	Astra Active	14	5	Black sapphire	9,650	9,995
2009	59	Astra Active	16	5	Sovereign silver	4,780	10,995
2009	59	Astra Sxi eco flex	17D	5	Sovereign silver	3,400	12,995
2009	59	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Ultra blue	5,800	10,995
2009	59	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	16	3	Star silver	Del mileage	11,995
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2009	59	Astra Sxi CDTi	19D	5	Power red	8,000	13,495

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2004	04*	Corsa Energy	10	3	Black sapphire	42,500	3,695
2004	04*	Corsa Design	12	5	Star silver	63,890	3,995
2006	06*	Corsa Sxi +	12	3	Flame red	57,600	4,695
2006	56	Corsa Design CDTi	13D	5	Flame red	38,450	7,995
2007	07	Corsa Design	14	3	Tea green	17,620	7,195
2007	57	Corsa Design CDTi	13D	5	Star silver	37,900	7,995
2009	09	Corsa Active	10	5	Star silver	6,270	8,475
2009	09	Corsa Sxi A/c	12	5	Metro blue	19,970	9,495
2009	59	Corsa Life CDTi	13D	5	Black sapphire	4,600	9,995
2009	59	Corsa Life CDTi	13D	5	Star silver	9,950	9,695

2009	59	Corsa Active CDTi	13D	5	Silver lightening	4,300	10,495
2009	59	Corsa Club CDTi	13D	5	Metro blue	6,480	9,995
2009	59	Corsa Sxi A/c	14	3	Silver lightening	800	10,495
2009	59	Corsa Sxi A/c X pack	14	3	Black sapphire	10,150	11,495
2010	59	Corsa Active	10	3	Flame red	Delivery	9,995

INSIGNIA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2009	09	Insignia Tourer Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	9,300	13,995
2009	090	Insignia SE CDTi Nav	2.0	4	Technical grey	19,826	14,995
2009	09	Insignia Sri CDTi	2.0	5	Star silver	24,545	14,995
2009	59	Insignia Sri Nav CDTi	2.0	4	Black sapphire	7,350	17,995
2009	59	Insignia Elite CDTi Nav	2.0	5	Sovereign silver	6,550	22,995
2009	59	Insignia CDTi ECO Exclusive	2.0	5	Silver lake	7,350	17,495

ANTARA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2009	59	Antara Exclusive CDTi	2.0D	5	Placid grey	18,995	

MERIVA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2006	56	Meriva Life A/C	14	5	Steel blue	19,730	5,995
2009	09	Meriva Active	1.6	5	Steel silver	10,450	9,995
2009	09	Meriva Life A/c	1.4	5	Metro blue	8,320	9,295

TIGRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2007	07	Tigra Exclusive Red	14	2	Metro blue	32,500	8,795
2009	59	Tigra Air	14	2	Antigua	4,425	12,995

VECTRA

Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2007	57	Vectra Design Auto CDTi	19D	5	Star silver	20,400	9,995
2008	08	Vectra Design	18	4	Panacotta	25,050	7,995
2008	08	Vectra Exclusiv CDTi + pack	19D	5	Silver lightening	41,700	8,795
2009	58	Vectra Exclusive CDTi	19D	5	Silver	18,325	9,495
2008	58	Vectra Exclusive	1.8	5	Black sapphire	15,390	8,795

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Year	Reg	Model	Eng	Dr	Colour	M/age	£
2005	05*	Zafira Design CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Star silver	53,000	6,495
2007	07	Zafira Energy	1.6	5	Silver lightening	19,400	7,995
2007	07	Zafira Energy	1.6	5	Black sapphire	28,320	7,995
2008	58	Zafira Exclusive	1.6	5	Star silver	13,700	9,995
2009	09	Zafira Exclusiv	1.6	5	Metro blue	5,560	11,495
2009	59	Zafira Active CDTi+	19D	5	Ultra blue	2,880	14,995
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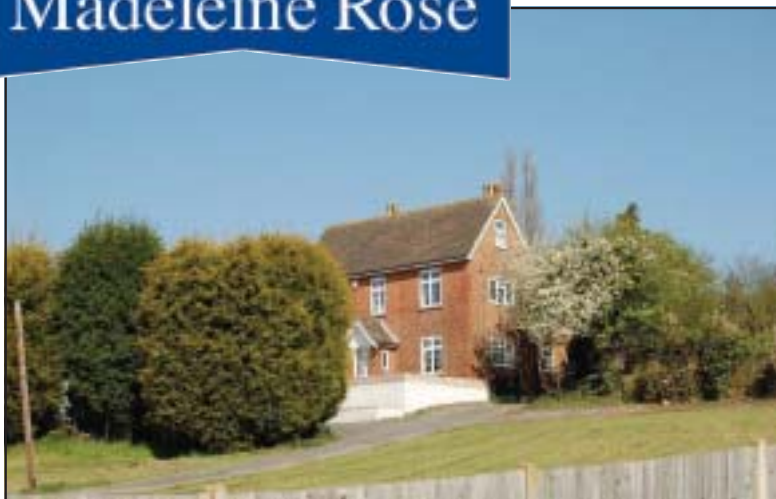
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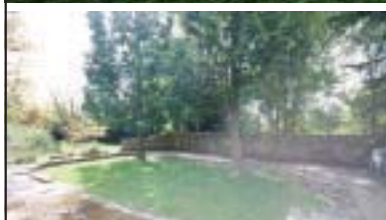
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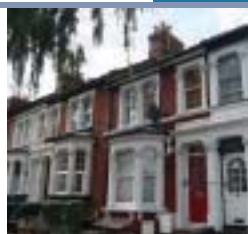
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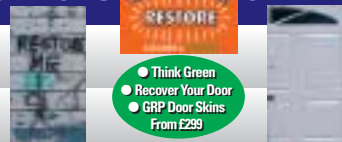
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The Mote 1st XI v Lordswood 1st XI

THE MOTE lost ground on leaders Bexley as third from bottom Lordswood chalked up a winning draw against them.

Much-improved Lordswood won the toss and looked to have made the correct decision in deciding to bat.

Opener Chris Vernon was the scourge of The Mote attack with 113 before being bowled by Tom Parsons. Chris Piesley cracked 82 and Lyndon Lockhart 30.

Though Matt Greenwood made 20, the rest of the Lordswood batsmen failed to add support and the side were dismissed for 297 off 52.2 overs having been 257 for 3 at one stage.

Nervous

Skipper Tom Harvey (4 for 93) and Parsons (3 for 71) were the most successful members of The Mote attack.

The home side made a nervous start in reply with opener Matthew White going for two and Harvey for 33. James Hodgson (8) and Daniel Thirkell (11) also went cheaply before James Marriott (88) anchored the innings before being run out.

The side continued to lose wickets cheaply with Danny Rowe going without score and Laurence Walters making four.

Then Parsons (37 not out) and Glen Aukett (25 not out) dug in and when time expired, The Mote had reached 233 for 7 off 57 overs.

Darren Scott was the pick of the Lordswood attack, returning 4 for 44 off 15 overs.

The Mote falter as Lords battle to winning draw



ON TARGET: The Mote's bowlers cut through Lordswood after Chris Vernon's century, but their batsmen failed to reach the winning line

SCORE CARD

Lordswood 1st XI

	Runs
Alan Pattenden b Waters	9
Christopher Vernon b Parsons	113
Lyndon Lockhart b Aukett	30
Chris Piesley ct Fordham b Parsons	82
Peter Stock ct Harvey b Harvey	1
Richard Piesley ct Fordham b Parsons	0
Matt Greenwood b Harvey	20
Mark Wilson run out	5
Jonathan Prince not out	2
John Williams ct Waters b Harvey	0
Darren Scott ct Rowe b Harvey	1
Extras (1b 8lb 25w)	34
Total (all out, 52.2 overs)	297

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Kenny George		8	0	32	0
Tom Parsons		13	1	71	3
Laurence Waters		5	0	19	1
Glen Aukett		7	0	45	1
Tom Harvey		132	0	93	4
James Hodgson		6	0	28	0

The Mote 1st XI

	Runs
Matthew White c&b Williams	2
Tom Harvey lbw b Scott	33
James Hodgson ct R Piesley b C Piesley	8
Daniel Thirkell ct Lockhart b Scott	11
James Marriott run out	88
Danny Rowe ct Prince b Scott	0
Laurence Waters lbw b Scott	4
Tom Parsons not out	37
Glen Aukett not out	25
Alex Fordham did not bat	
Kenny George did not bat	
Extras (2lb 12w 1nb 10pr)	25
Total (7 wickets, 57 overs)	233

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Matt Greenwood		0	0	41	0
John Williams		9	0	20	1
Chris Piesley		15	0	64	1
Mark Wilson		1	0	16	0
Darren Scott		15	0	44	4
Lyndon Lockhart		5	0	18	0
Christopher Vernon		3	0	18	0

LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Addington Village 1st XI v Linden Park 1st XI

SECOND-PLACED Addington maintained pressure on leaders Bromley Common with a winning draw at home to Linden Park.

After losing openers James Tooze and Ben Buet without a run on the board, Joe Pigott (38) and Ray Van Schoor (22) settled the innings before skipper Neil Scott (57) helped his side reach 203 for 7 off 50 overs.

Linden Park responded with 162 for 6 after openers Neil Stephens (40) and Paul Hammond (27) made a bright start. Skipper John Harvey weighed in with an unbeaten 36 to deny Addington victory.

Addington Village 1st XI

	Runs
James Tooze	c&b Entacott 0
Ben Buet	retired not out 0
Joe Pigott	ct Clarke b Kale 38
Ray Van Schoor	ct Brown b Entacott 22
Neil Scott	ct Brown b Lanaway 57
Duncan Brown	ct Entacott b Lanaway 28
Tom Nissen	ct Stephens b Entacott 9
Ross McDermott	ct Saunders b Lanaway 0
Tom Down	not out 18
James Fullagar	not out 11
Dan Walton	did not bat
Extras	() 20
Total	(7 wickets, 50 overs) 203

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Ben Entacott		14	1	53	3
Dominic Lanaway		14	2	44	3
Ben Cobb		3	0	22	0
Abhijit Kale		11	1	35	1
John Harvey		8	0	38	0

Linden Park 1st XI

	Runs
Gary Withers	ct Scott b Pigott 6
Paul Hammond	ct Van Schoor b Walton 27
Neil Stephens	ct Brown b Scott 40
Abhijit Kale	b Walton 12
Stuart Clarke	run out 11
Michael Brown	ct Walton b Van Schoor 2
John Harvey	not out 36
Dominic Lanaway	not out 2
James Saunders	did not bat
Ben Cobb	did not bat
Ben Entacott	did not bat
Extras	(6b 2lb 14w 4nb) 26
Total	(6 wickets, 50 overs) 162

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Joe Pigott		7	2	40	1
Tom Nissen		5	0	25	0
Ross McDermott		2	0	12	0
Dan Walton		7	2	18	2
Ray Van Schoor		15	2	38	1
Duncan Brown		11	4	17	0
Neil Scott		3	1	5	1

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE

Offham 1st XI v Farningham 1st XI

OFFHAM are one point behind third-placed Chislehurst and West Kent after their nine-wicket rout of Farningham.

Leonard Watt (4 for 13) and Simon Hallbrook (3 for 34) did most of the damage in helping dismiss Farningham for 139 after Hadleigh Wiles (49) had top-scored.

When Offham replied, skipper Tom Gittings hit an unbeaten 47 and Gary Evans made 33 before Ben Gittings cracked an unbeaten 48 that pushed the score along to 142 for 1.

Farningham 1st XI

	Runs
Graham Cuthbertson	ct Brooker b Cox 10
James Wiles	c&b Cox 22
Darren Blake	ct Heine b Watt 1
Hadleigh Wiles	ct Cox b Hallbrook 49
George Hutchins	lbw b Watt 0
Simon Price	b Hallbrook 1
Oliver Powell	ct Brooker b Hallbrook 25
Kieran Rocks	b Brooker 4
Oliver Butler	lbw b Watt 3
Paul Fensom	ct Gittings b Watt 15
Paul Bensley	not out 0
Leonard Watt	(2lb 6w 1nb) 9
Extras	(all out, 43.5 overs) 139

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Leonard Watt		13.5	10	13	4
Andy Cox		8	2	36	2
Ben Regan		6	0	38	0
Simon Hallbrook		12	4	34	3
Mervyn Brooker		4	1	16	1

Offham 1st XI

	Runs
Tom Gittings	not out 47
Gary Evans	b Powell 33
Ben Gittings	not out 48
Philip Heine	did not bat
Leonard Watt	did not bat
Lawrence Bell	did not bat
Ben Regan	did not bat
Mervyn Brooker	did not bat
Nathan Brooker	did not bat
Simon Hallbrook	did not bat
Andy Cox	did not bat
Extras	(1b 1lb 11w 1nb) 14
Total	(1 wickets, 27.1 overs) 142

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
James Wiles		10	2	47	0
Simon Price		4	1	15	0
Oliver Powell		8	0	42	1
Graham Cuthbertson		4	0	26	0
Kieran Rocks		1.1	0	10	0

KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP EAST

Yalding 1st XI v Frindsbury 1st XI

YALDING were on the wrong end of a Sam Dudgeon hat-trick as they finished well beaten at home by Frindsbury on Saturday.

Frindsbury reached 193 for 9 off 46 overs with Sam Gracey (34), Peter Blackman (28) and Shahzad Raza (21) the main run-getters. Yalding were all out for 143 in reply with Dudgeon the scourge of the home batsmen in his spell.

Mohammad Waseen (45), Joel Shopland (30) and Graham Hutchins (27) top-scored for Yalding, who will welcome the return of players away at University as they look to climb the table.

Frindsbury 1st XI

	Runs
Peter Blackman	b Waseem 28
Sam Dudgeon	ct Thomas b Haider 18
Robert Sait	ct Thomas b Shepherd 17
George Burt	lbw b Shepherd 11
Ian Budd	b Waseem 7
Samuel Gracey	run out 34
Peter Elwood	ct Shopland b Waseem 0
Laurence Cloughton	ct Ala Ratcliff b Fenn 8
Shahzad Raza	ct Ali Ratcliff b Fenn 21
Mark Gracey	not out 12
Peter Ashenden	not out 0
Extras	(6b 9lb 12w 10nb) 37
Total	(9 wickets, 46 overs) 193

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Jumshad Haider		7.5	2	26	1
James Fenn		11	0	67	2
Anthony Shepherd		12	3	36	2
Mohammad Waseem		12	4	32	3
Christopher Robinson		3.1	0	17	0

Yalding 1st XI

	Runs
Matthew Thomas	ct Blackman b Ashenden 4
Alistair Ratcliff	b Raza 5
Graham Hutchins	ct S Gracey b M Gracey 27
Joel Shopland	ct Elwood b Dudgeon 30
Mohammad Waseem	b Cloughton 45
James Fenn	b M Gracey 0
Jumshad Haider	b Cloughton 14
Anthony Shepherd	lbw b Dudgeon 5
Christopher Robinson	not out 4
Alan Ratcliff	b Dudgeon 0
Jonathan Card	b Dudgeon 0
Extras	(3b 2lb 3w 1nb) 9
Total	(all out, 33.4 overs) 143

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Shahzad Raza		9	1	36	1
Peter Ashenden		6	2	18	1
Sam Dudgeon		10.4	2	21	4
Mark Gracey		4	0	45	2
Laurence Cloughton		4	1	18	2

REGIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1A WEST

Leybourne 1st XI v Southfleet 1st XI

OPENERS Tim Smith (60) and Gary Martin (43) started impressively for Leybourne at home to Southfleet, but with the exception of Jake Brown (30), the rest of the batting failed to consolidate the early momentum.

Fourth-placed Leybourne eventually reached 223 for 9 against opponents who started the day in second place.

With Brian Sandhu (98) falling just short of his century and James Bonner hitting 70, Southfleet passed the required amount for the loss of five wickets. Richard Webb (3 for 37) was the most successful member of the Leybourne attack.

Leybourne 1st XI

	Runs
Tom Smith	run out 60
Gary Martin	lbw b De Jong 43
Jake Bacon	ct De Jong b Bonner 30
David Cahalin	b Saul 17
Simon Blandford	lbw b Khalid 13
Ashley Ulph	b Khalid 5
Matthew Webb	b De Jong 13
Alex King	ct Darlington b Khalid 0
Robert Still	not out 9
Ashley Martin	run out 2
Richard Webb	not out 4
Extras	(9b 6lb 11w 1nb) 27
Total	(9 wickets, 46 overs) 223

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Lyle Wheeler		6	1	20	0
Sohaib Khalid		12	4	32	3
Nico De Jong		12	0	70	2
Ivan Newling		4	0	26	0
Nitin Saul		9	0	41	1
James Bonner		3	0	19	1

Southfleet 1st XI

	Runs
Lee Darlington	ct Martin b R Webb 5
Steven Sandhu	b Blandford 97
Ben Stanley	b M Webb 0
Nico De Jong	b R Webb 1
James Bonner	ct Bacon b R Webb 70
Vib Fonseka	not out 32
Nitin Saul	not out 14
Minkit Patel	did not bat
Lyle Wheeler	did not bat
Sohaib Khalid	did not bat
Ivan Newling	did not bat
Extras	(2b 2lb 2w) 6
Total	(5 wickets, 38.4 overs) 225

Bowlers		O	M	R	W
Matthew Webb		12	2	51	1
Richard Webb		9	2	37	3
Jake Bacon		2	0	23	0
Ashley Martin		5	0	41	0
Robert Still		5.4	0	35	0
Simon Blandford		2	0	16	1
Nigel Bacon		3	0	18	0

Stones on the defensive after Hawkins' departure

FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

MAIDSTONE United boss Peter Nott is hoping to announce the signing of two central defenders this week following the departure of influential captain Peter Hawkins.

The defender, who played a pivotal role for the Stones as they avoided relegation last season, joined Ryman Premier rivals Tonbridge Angels last week, leaving Nott in need of defensive reinforcements.

The Stones manager, who thought Hawkins would stay at the club for next season, is disappointed to lose his captain but has already held encouraging talks with potential replacements.

Nott said: "We're disappointed and frustrated that Peter has decided to leave and he will be a big loss for us.

"With the reduced budget we are working with this season, it was always going to be hard to retain players like Peter. We had held talks with him and thought he would be staying.

"However, it has freed up a bit of the budget and we are speaking to two centre-halves and hoping to make an announcement this week."

After completing the signings of midfield duo Colin Richmond and Simon Pettit last week, Nott has added to his strike force with



Picture: STEVE TERRELL



Picture: COLIN READ

GONE: The loss of Stones captain Peter Hawkins (left) has prompted a search for defensive cover by boss Peter Nott (above)

the signing of Welling United's Adam Marsh. The forward joins the Stones on a dual registration basis with parent club Welling.

Nott said: "Adam is a young prospect and scored three goals in four Kent Senior Cup games for Welling last year."

It is understood Marsh will not be the only striker to arrive at Homelands this summer as Nott is hopeful of making additions to a forward line that struggled to make an impact last term. Three Ryman League strikers will

be among the trialists taking part in pre-season friendlies, hoping to earn a deal at the club. Transfer-listed forward Danny Hockton has attracted interest from a couple of clubs but remains with the Stones for now.

Nott also confirmed the majority of last season's squad have decided to stay at Maidstone for next season.

He said: "We're only waiting to hear from a couple of players and should be making an announcement soon."

MOTORSPORT



Picture: MALLY WATERS

THIRD: Tim Reeves made the TT podium on Saturday

Reeves on podium in Isle of Man TT

TIM Reeves is in action at the Isle of Man TT this afternoon looking to improve on the third place he claimed in Saturday's first sidecar race.

The 37-year-old, who lives in Maidstone, needed a last-minute sponsorship deal just to compete in the famous race, but acquitted himself well on the epic 37.7-mile course.

Reeves, a three-time world champion, finished sixth fastest in final qualifying with passenger Dipash Chauhan.

In Saturday's first race he moved up the field in the three-lap race, finishing third at an average speed of more than 112 miles per hour.

It matched his best result in the TT, which came in his debut two years ago. He has another opportunity in this afternoon's second race to claim his first victory.

Also in action was superbike rider Steve Mercer, who finished a respectable 27th in Saturday's six-lap race, averaging almost 119mph.

Clyne victory puts Kent Open on map

Picture: KIM ROBERTS



TRIUMPH: Alan Thatcher (left) pays tribute to Kent Open champion Alan Clyne (right) at The Mote

SQUASH

ALAN Clyne lived up to his top seed billing by winning the inaugural Kent Open in straight-games at The Mote Squash Club on Sunday.

The 23-year-old, ranked 62 in the world, beat qualifier Jonny Harford 11-8, 11-3, 11-8 at the Maidstone venue.

Clyne, who had battled back from two games down to win a thrilling semi-final against Dutchman Pedro Schweertman a day earlier, dominated the final to win in 35 minutes.

The Scottish number one, who will represent his country at the Commonwealth Games later this year, said: "I was very pleased with the way I played all week.

"The courts here at The Mote are excellent and everyone at the club made us very wel-

come. It's always great to see new tournaments added to the calendar and I am sure all the players will look forward to coming back next year."

The tournament was ranked as a one-star event on the Professional Squash Association's World Tour. It is hoped the Kent Open will become established as an annual date on the calendar and tournament director Alan Thatcher believes it got off to a great start.

He said: "I think it's been a phenomenal week. We've seen some fantastic squash all the way through the qualifying tournament and it's just gone up a notch with every round.

"We've already started plans for next year with a fund-raising committee looking at sponsorship to make sure this becomes a major annual event, so we can carry on bringing the world's best players to the Kent Open."

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